# BEETEE



43-9 July, 1943



# BEE TEE 43.1

Army Air Forces
Basic Flying School
Gardner Field, California

JULY, 1943





# COMMANDANT



For an efficient and worthwhile course in basic training, for Gardner Field's atmosphere, which permitted us to concentrate easily on our tasks, for the social program so vital to our morale, and, above all, for genial instructors and for your own example of real leadership, we cadets of 43-1 thank you, Colonel Herbert W. Anderson, our Commandant.









# TRAINING DEPARTMENT

Under Colonel Herbert W. Anderson, as Commandant of Gardner Field's Army Air Forces Basic Flying Training School, the Department of Training, with Lieutenant-Colonel Robert W. Hall as Director of Training and Major John S. Harlan as Deputy Director, is in complete charge of the aviation cadets from the time they arrive here from primary training until they graduate, ready for advanced schooling. While they are here their time is spent in three types of training. Under Major Edelle M. Jones, Director of Flying Training, they are assigned to a certain flight in one of the squadrons in one of two training groups. Under Captain Harry R. O'Brien, Director of Ground School, the cadets attend classes in navigation and other subjects. Under Captain Howard M. Rand, Commandant of Cadets, the embryo flying officers receive military training.

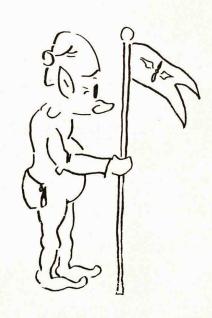


LT. COL. HALL DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

MAJOR HARLAN
Deputy Director of Training







# FLYING TRAINING



CAPT. BENNION Commanding Officer, Group I



CAPT. BRYANT **Executive Officer** 



**MAJOR JONES** Director of Flying Training





Staff of the Ground School (front row, left to right): S/Sgts. Fischer and Erickson, Sgt. Obenour, Pfc. Silton, Mr. Barnes, Capt. O'Brien (Director of the Ground School), Mrs. Christopher, Pfc. Fritchey, Cpl. Miller, and T/Sgt. Dickenson. Rear row: Lts. Webb, Vance, Lentz, Hicks, Durocher, Brown, Shapiro.

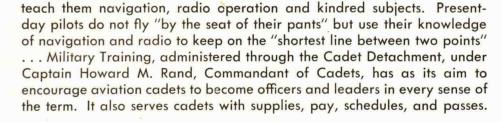


CAPT. O'BRIEN Director of Ground School



Flying Training, in charge of Major Edelle M. Jones, Director of Flying Training, puts the aviation cadets through a thorough schedule of dual and solo flying designed to make them competent in handling the basic trainer plane. 43-1 was assigned to Group I, with Captain Karren L. Bennion as Commanding Officer, and Captain James B. Bryant as Executive Officer . . . Ground Training, in charge of Captain Harry R. O'Brien as Director of Ground School, offers the cadets an experienced staff to

# MILITARY



# TRAINING



LT. MARGERUM **Executive Officer** 



Athletic Officer



LT. MALKOVICH



CAPT. RAND COMMANDANT OF CADETS





LT. WELSH Tactical Officer



LT. BROWNE







# CADET OFFICERS



Cadet Major

CHARLES S. RHODES

Wing Adjutant



RAY E. STRATE Group II



ALEXIUS D. REID
Wing Commander



HERBERT TROST

Group I

Cadet LT.-Col. LAWRENCE D. ROBERTS
Wing Personnel Officer

Cadet 1st Lt.

Alexius D. Reid . . . Cadet Colonel and Wing Commander . . . from Colorado . . . attended Colorado College . . . Sigma Chi . . . formerly a coach . . . married . . . has two brothers officers . . . ambition is to have a good air transportation company . . . Herbert Trost . . . Cadet Lieutenant-Colonel, Group I . . . lowan . . . attended University of San Francisco . . . formerly a student . . . single . . . ambition is to fly!!! . . . Raymond E. Strate . . . Minnesotan . . . attended University of Minnesota . . . formerly worked in purchasing department . . . married . . . ambition is to be a flying officer . . . Charles S. Rhodes . . . Cadet Major and Adjutant . . . from Wyoming . . attended University of Wyoming . . . formerly a salesman . . . married . . . ambition is to learn to fly . . . Lawrence D. Roberts . . . Cadet First Lieutenant and Personnel Officer . . . from Illinois . . . attended Princeton (Illinois) Township High . . . formerly a steel worker . . . single . . . ambition is to be a good military pilot.



CAPT. WAGNER Commanding Officer

Sergeant Nick Trevino, chief flight dispatcher for Squadron One, answers a cadet's question on his flying time - one of the thousand and one things the dispatchers do for cadets.



ONE





CAPT. McMASTERS C.O., Flight A

Oliver L. Adair R. B. Honec Ernest W. Nolby

Jack N. Rumsey

Clyde W. Thompson

Joseph B. Woodward













Flying Instructor





Flying Instructor





Maurice R. Simmonds Robert M. Stronge

Leland L. Zimmerman

Rollin G. Lippert

Merle V. Ogden

Richard F. Prettyman

LT. HITT Flying Officer







Vern N. Anderson Earl E. Francis Kenneth Gallagher



Roger B. Sherman Gordon H. Wilkinson Edgar D. Worth











LT. LOCKWOOD

Flying Instructor

C. E. Martin William R. Scott William J. Stiles







## SQUADRON ONE SQUADRON TWO

Raymond C. Abbott

Robert F. Kellett

Harold J. Klota

Edward Puckhaber









Sergeant O. D. (Sic) Thrasher, chief dispatcher for Squadron Two, threshes a problem out with a cadet while Corporal S. G. Smith, his assistant, smiles appreciatively.



CAPT. STUTSMAN **Commanding Officer** 

LT. HARRIS C.O., Flight B



Paul B. Trembley

Robert E. Atwood George L. Coffey Samuel F. Irwin Allen R. Miller Perdie D. Roddenberry Leland W. Smith







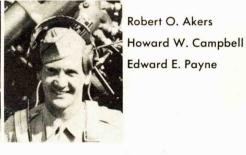


LT. HUNT

Flying Instructor







William L. Sanders



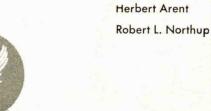




James E. Sherrod Earl W. Shreve



LT. BROCK Flying Instructor











Carl C. Sorenson Thomas W. Stevenson J. P. Thomas







LT. CRANDALL Flying Instructor

Lt. John A. Matthews

# TWO

Hubert E. Blazina William R. Miller Richard B. Peterson





LT. STAUGAARD C.O., Flight B



Rex E. Armstrong Robert E. Reed Harry H. Selling



Charles Weyand Richard F. Williams Raymond F. Van Ness

LT. LILLY

Flying Instructor

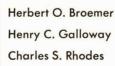




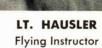




LT. JENSON Flying Instructor





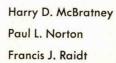


Dale M. Fisher

George C. Knox

Kenneth G. Lloyd









Herbert Trost Charles A. White Robert R. Wyche

James R. Donahue

James P. Hebert

**Buford Thacker** 





LT. POND Flying Instructor









Myron G. Smith Carl M. Stuebe Roy O. Yonker





CAPT. PARRY Commanding Officer

### Donald W. Elliott John W. Ridley Richard T. Snyder

Jacob A. Thorson

Marvin N. Vinson

John W. White

LT. NOAH

Flying Instructor











Corporal H.L.Nel-son, assistant dis-patcher for Squad-ron Three, looks on, while Sergeant T. F. Beekman, chief dispatcher, enters a cadet's

flying time in the log.









Earl D. Ody

Scott B. Ormsby

George B. Silverman Robert L. Spicer James Swearingen

# SQUADRON

# THREE

Paul R. Albers Richard W. Nowels Roger W. Trueblood









CAPT. PHILLIPS C.O., Flight A





LT. SANFORD Flying Instructor



LT. NIBLO Flying Instructor





Reginald Aragona Charles R. Helmes Ronald G. Lock



Ward W. Shade Loren R. Wilson

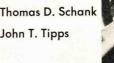
LT. TRANKLA

Dick W. Mount



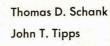
Lt. Martin B. Buckner















# SQUADRON THREE SQUADRON FOUR



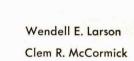
Carroll H. Anderson Douglas A. Smith James C. Stopulos



Sergeant L. J. Doherty, chief dispatcher for Squadron Four, and Private Earl Lutz (right), assistant dispatcher, laugh at a quip from one of the cadets.



CAPT. SWANSON Commanding Officer



Walter L. Pentilla

CAPT. HEATLY

C.O., Flight B



LT. LINDERMAN Flying Instructor

Donald W. Ramseier James R. Romero Richard C. Smiley











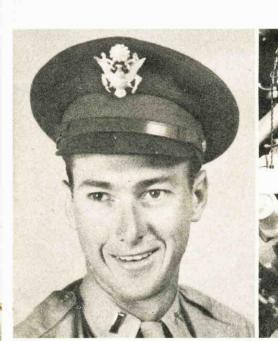
LT. JORGENSEN

Flying Instructor





Russell A. Duensing R. M. Johnson Willard P. Peterson



LT. GAMBY Flying Instructor

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Duane O. Peschken

Milton G. Shapiro

Robert L. Smith

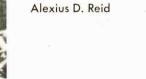
Herbert V. Strate

Richard M. Voigt









Royal M. Nyby

Jesse Carroll Bonneau



William A. Schultz Earl E. Tjomsland Loren R. Wilson

LT. ANDERSON Flying Instructor











LT. GAMMON C.O., Flight A



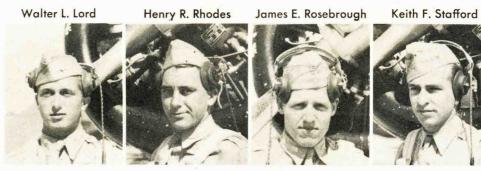
Capt. George R. Haysel Lt. Beryl L. Clark



Robert A. McKinley











LT. SUTTLE C.O., Flight B

James L. Beardsell Richard V. Goeb Roy F. Hurst



James E. Spaulding



William H. Upton LT. RALSTON Flying Instructor



Ford Taplin



Louis F. Pfeiler





Armand L. Tremblay



Norbert J. Vehr



LT. HULL Flying Instructor



LT. JOHNSON Flying Instructor



Andrew Highrabedian Paul K. Leven Bobbie R. Rankin



LT. THOMPSON Flying Instructor



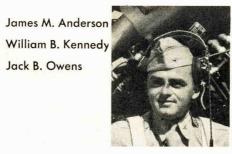




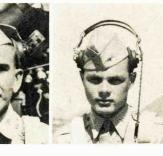
William A. Albert Robert E. Campbell Carol E. Davis



Delmar L. Dunham William T. Whittaker Harvey Zorn







Edward L. Smith Stanley J. Wiechert Rhea L. Woodrum

Jack B. Owens









CAPT. MARTIN Commanding Officer

### Donald E. Eberhardt Charles M. Sakryd Homer W. Smith

LT. MOYE

Flying Instructor



Charles H. Starling

William B. Wigglesworth







Sergeant W. D. Porterfield, assist-ant dispatcher for Squadron Five, warns a cadet not

to use the phone

for personal calls,

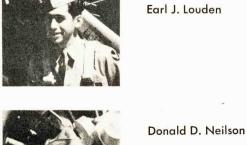
while another ca-det just listens in.



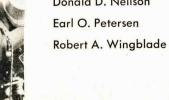








SQUADRON



LT. BELL

Flying Instructor

Charles V. Canine

Oscar W. Hines

# FIVE

Lt. Arthur C. Cocagne Clifford L. Kennon Chester H. Utke









C.O., Flight A







Clarence H. Bose Howard J. Nylander Edwin Ratzlaff



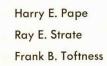




Lyle W. Robb Phillip D. Sharer John L. Walker









Zane D. Larive

Meyer Levy











LT. PIERCE

C.O., Flight B

# SQUADRON FIVE SQUADRON SIX



Lee W. Anderson









Sergeant R. E. Scott, assistant dispatcher for Squadron Six, listens as Sergeant Robert K.Blazer, chief dispatcher, decides on an entry in the flight log.



CAPT. SOUTHAM Commanding Officer









Oliver S. Huser William H. Parr George W. Sobezuk

LT. PLATT

Flying Instructor

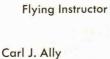








LT. BORING Flying Instructor



Jim C. McMichael

Robert A. Rowe



LT. PENNINGTON

**Donald Plecher** 









William Siegel Earl J. Rugg



Kenneth O. Tonjum John H. Williams Ray A. Williams







LT. HATHAWAY Flying Instructor

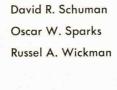


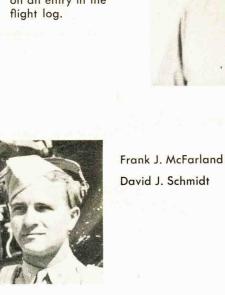
















LT. STEGE Flying Instructor

Gerald M. O'Donnell Jack V. Reimer Lawrence D. Roberts

Oberlin O. Schwestka Clarence Schurman James D. Smith













John L. Valentine John E. Warwick

LT. DOWLING C.O., Flight A





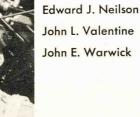






LT. FRITSCHEL Flying Instructor





# SIX









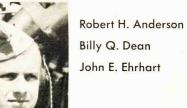


C.O., Flight B















John V. Kirkwood John N. McNamara Allison R. Stealy

LT. BRUSTIN Flying Instructor

Orville S. Anderso Curtis E. Parkins Lester C. Peterson

Arnold M. Solberg

Edward A. Stearns

Francis M. Towner













LT. COHENS





MAJOR TOLHURST Air Inspector







CAPT. CATINELLA Base and Flight Surgeon



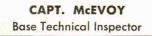
CHAPLAIN LEWIS

CHAPLAIN RYAN



CAPT. MUEHLBERG School Secretary

LT. PICCIANO



LT. LEONARDY Link Trainer Officer





# IN MEMORIAM

One flying instructor and two aspiring students of 43-I have flown non-stop beyond the stars. The instructor, Second Lieutenant Erik M. Olleson, a son of Washington, left the sound of dancing feet to answer the call of the blue and his country. Aviation Cadet George R. Shirey, a Pennsylvanian, left his task as claims adjuster to help his country adjust more vital claims. Aviation Cadet George E. Bialas came from Illinois, where he was a student and grocery clerk, with an ambition to graduate from flying training. Though they have answered a call higher than duty, their fellow instructors and students will remember their ambition to make the world a haven for dancing feet, secure life and knowledge-thirsty students.



