WINGS IN MINIATURE

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FLIGHT IS OUR BUSINESS

Conquest, a new order? No, it's much simpler than that. It's our families, our homes, and hobbies. It's our jobs that can grow with a man's ambitions. It's the right to think, to vote, to worship as a man chooses. It's America Herself.

The history of civilization is a glorious witness to this day of repentant hope—for these shining hours, with their hush of faith and heroism, must not, shall not be sacrificed in vain.

Every sentiment of kindness and love and compassion is threatened...and we are dedicated to the preservation of this hallowed custom for God-respecting, peace-loving peoples the world o'er.

To this end we are preparing to train in the art of aerial warfare. Not with hate, nor in anger, nor the pride of conquest, but that our children and their children's children will be able to live in the fullest appreciation of a victory won by the staunch courage of your and my efforts.

It's a tough war—the men in the foxholes of Italy and New Britain will verify that. Yesterday's battlefields, quiet now, but shall torn with abandoned rifles and greenery in the battle, rubbish heaps of ration tons, and the crude graves of dead men, be more tidy evidence of the vices, leave light that man before us believed was a right and not defense of this earth.

It's not you or I attaining freedom in the air; it's a group of fellows, a team, a thousand all-American teams, in complete command of the heavens. People the world over direct their prayers to those heavens. A man greater than any man alive is the commander-in-chief over that wonderful, cloud-filled domain. It's through the winged power of our venereal achievements that He will answer the prayers of a people oppressed. We want to fly! We want to fight!

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On that day, America's youth stepped forward to challenge and defend the freedoms that made our country great. They played a splendid part in the war effort, and their sacrifice will never be forgotten.
CAPTAIN PAUL E. DAUGHERTY
COMMANDING OFFICER

On that day when our great nation entered into a second world war, upon the shoulders of America's youth was placed the responsibilities of a people in dire need. You young men have accepted this challenge and are meeting it with strength, courage, and the prayers of free people. Freedom itself charges that you build worthily upon the foundations laid by our forefathers and that you follow the splendid pattern of valor and achievement now being set by our Bombardiers, Navigators, and Pilots all over the world.
THE 94th COLLEGE TRAINING DETACHMENT PARADES

In sharp, precise military formations, squadrons from Harris Hall and the Gymnasium present a thrilling spectacle on the New Evans Field.

A cross-section of American and fighting hearts have...
A cross-section of America is embodied in the 94th CTD. Men with hard bodies and fighting hearts have not lost their keen desire for athletic competition. As each month passes into history, new squadrons appear and fresh, eager talent literally pours onto the college fields. They are a team and act as such in detachment sports. Later on, when they have become the finished product of the finest military training in the world—they will fight and win as a team! Just another typical group of American kids!
Five miles from Evans Field.
The physical education department offers a variety of sports and activities, including programs for the entire flying corps. In the air it is the airman.
OBSTACLE COURSE

Five months of grunting and groaning their way over the innocent-looking, man-killing obstacle course on Evans Field seems overly rugged to "Masters" of the 94th CTD, when in reality their toil is not in vain. The physical training course given in this detachment is an intensified program designed to prepare the prospective airman for harder days ahead. It includes precisely 15 minutes of calisthenics and 45 minutes of various sports activities each day except Sunday. In direct contrast, when the student arrives at his classification center he will undergo a "relaxed schedule" of two hours a day physical training and a concentrated program for "non-swimmers." Such athletic programs are carried on in his training schedule throughout the entire flying training. It is this teamwork and type of military training that is making the American fighters in the air known from one side of the globe to the other. It is this teamwork that will see him the victor.
A STRETCH AT THE 94th C.T.D.

FRIENDLY GREETING

ARRIVAL

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PHYSICS

MATH

READY FOR SCHOOL

GEOGRAPHY

TOURS

FLYING OVER
FLIGHT ALERT

Ten hours doesn't make a man a "Hot Pilot"! But during those few hours of training, 94th CTD Students learn the fundamental principles of flying in West Avon's "sky-going kiddy-car." He learns to gas and oil his ship and rapidly learns that making a line check is quite important. In the air he learns to do climbing, level, and gliding turns. He works into 30, 45 or 60 degree banks like a veteran, while simple eights, pylon and bank eights become part of his everyday work. He is given two check flights, the first to see if he is progressing on the right scale, and the last that determines his final grading. He finds that flying is just what he puts into it—everything!
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The 4th Coast was officially Teachers College 1943. Prior to C. Bain, Comm., nucleus of intensive group, program was indoctrination of academic students; they would become pilots, navigators.

The first train was 12, 1943. These were received according to the quota of March 22, 1943. The full quota of 700 men was received on May 4, 1943, and the unit was sent to San Antonio. Captain Bain was the unit until 1944. He was ordered to the rank of Captain Paul E. De. March 20, 1944. Frank M. Ove.

Approximately or part of the
HISTORY OF THE 94TH CTD

High atop a beautiful hill in southwestern Texas, young men from every state in America are acquiring the knowledge, the polish, and are becoming the nucleus for the job of manning American flying, fighting planes. Through the halls of this dignified institution, shattering the stillness by their vibrant song, they march half a thousand strong. They come and go, a visual sign of America at War.

The 94th College Training Detachment (Aircrew) was officially activated at Southwest Texas State Teachers College, San Marcos, Texas, on March 1, 1943. Prior to this, on February 15, Captain Thomas C. Bain, Commanding Officer, had arrived with a nucleus staff of officers and enlisted personnel, and with the help of the president of the college, Dr. John Garland Flowers, proceeded to organize a program of intensive ground training in the Air Forces. This program was three-fold in nature, consisting of military indoctrination, physical training, and a schedule of academic subjects designed to prepare the students mentally for the future of intensive training they would have to undergo before they became pilots, navigators, or bombardiers.

The first trainees arrived at this station on March 12, 1943. These men were classified into four groups, according to their previous academic training. On March 22, 1943, two hundred and fifty more trainees were received, and the training program set up for the full quota of five hundred men. On April 1, one hundred men were placed on flight status, and on May 4, 1943, this first class to graduate from the unit was sent to the San Antonio Classification Center, San Antonio, Texas.

Captain Bain continued as Commanding Officer of the unit until November 29, 1943, at which time he was ordered to combat duty. On December 4, 1943, Captain Paul E. Dougherty arrived to assume duties of Commanding Officer of the detachment. Captain Paul E. Dougherty remained with the unit until March 20, 1944, and on March 23, 1944, Captain Frank M. Overton became the Commanding Officer.

Approximately thirty faculty members devoted all or part of their time to teaching the academic subjects, which included physics, mathematics, history, geography, English, Civil Air Regulations, and medical aid. The college staff also took care of the physical training and managed the sports program for the trainees. This program consisted of swimming, basketball, touch-football, track, softball and other intramural games.

The social life of the Aircrew students was by no means neglected. Numerous dances were staged for the members of the Detachment, and as each class was graduated, a dinner and a dance was given in their honor. Several of the parties will long be remembered in the annals of SWTTC. During the hours in which the boys were at liberty further social contacts were established, more than one of which culminated in marriage.

Aircrew students have taken part in several bond rallies, and have held a number of parades which were open to the public. They were known to the people of San Marcos as the Singing Wing because of their custom of singing while marching to and from their classes.

The students have also taken part in other phases of college and community activity. The local USO was a favorite hangout of theirs, and they made important contributions to the entertainment sponsored by the USO. While the detachment did not publish a newspaper of its own, a page in the “College Star” was devoted to its interests. Likewise a section of the Pedagog, the College Yearbook, has been set aside for the Aircrew students alone.

No one claims that the 94th CTD has been perfect in every respect. In fact, several inspectors did not hesitate to point out certain errors of our ways. However, such criticism was always acceptable and every effort was made to meet the rigid requirements which the Army Air Forces were endeavoring to set up. That we did, in a great measure meet these standards is evidenced by the fact that the unit has been praised in high military circles for the quality of work it has been doing, and has been spoken of as one of the better units in the United States.