Ramon Frances Noches scrapbook

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A scrapbook compiled by Ramona Christina Noches Brice documenting the life of Ramon Frances Noches and family members. He was a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, graduating with the pilot class of 1944D. He died when a B-25 training bomber crashed near Godman Field, Kentucky, in June, 1945.

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B-25 Bomber qualification training graduation class at Godman Army Air Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1944. Third from the right: Lieutenant Ramon F. Noches. The other pilots are unidentified. Photo courtesy of Colonel Ramon C. Noches, USAF (Retired)

Lieutenant Ramon Frances Noches
United States Army Air Corps - World War II

.By Colonel Ramon C. Noches, USAF (Retired

Lt. Ramon Frances Noches was born in Junction City, Kansas March 4, 1918. He graduated from Junction City high school class of 1936. He was a popular athlete and lettered in football and track. In 1939. Following graduation, he attended Kansas State University, and later transferred to Emporia State University. In 1943 he was accepted into the flying training program at
Tuskegee graduating with the pilot class of 1944D. On June 6, 1945, at 12:25 AM, while on a B-25 training flight from Godman field, his plane crashed on takeoff from Gunter Field Alabama. In 1939 he married Rose M. Newman of Lawrence, Kansas. They had twins, Ramon Crespin Noches, Colonel USAF (Retired 1990); and Ramona Christina Noches (Now Brice) currently a First Lieutenant in the Army Reserve Nurse's Corps. Ramona recently retired from the VA after 30 years as a nursing epidemiologist.

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Lieutenant Ramon Frances Noches and Twelve Unidentified Class Members

1944 - Godman Army Air Field, Fort Knox, Kentucky

Photos and narrative submitted by Colonel Ramon C. Noches, USAF (Retired)



Lt. Ramon Frances Noches
Godman Army Airfield, Kentucky - 1944

Can anyone identify any of the twelve pilots pictured below? If so, please forward the name/s to lwf@coax.net.

Thanks,

Bennie



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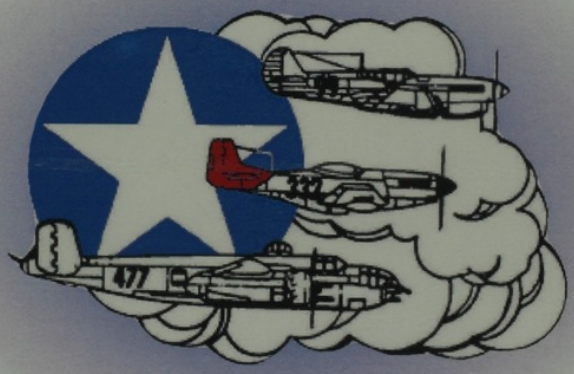
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"On freedom's wings bound for glory, these intrepid men roamed the skies in defense of liberty for all men. Before the Air Force shattered the sound barrier, the Tuskegee Airmen shattered the race barrier. Their deeds will be forever etched in the annals of those who sought freedom and justice."

~The Original Tuskegee Airmen
1941-1949



John Adams
Buford Allen
Victor Barker
Flernoy Barker
Harvey Bayless
George Boyd
Virgil Brashears
Bernard Bryant
James Carter
Leonard Carper
August Carple
Leroy Cleaver
Wilson Clemmons

John Davis
Charles Ellington
William Francis
Coy Gill
Weldon Groves
Morris Hatchett
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Donald Jackson
Herman Johnson
Ollie Kimbrough
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U.S. Congressman
Kansas' Third District
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Tuskegee Airman
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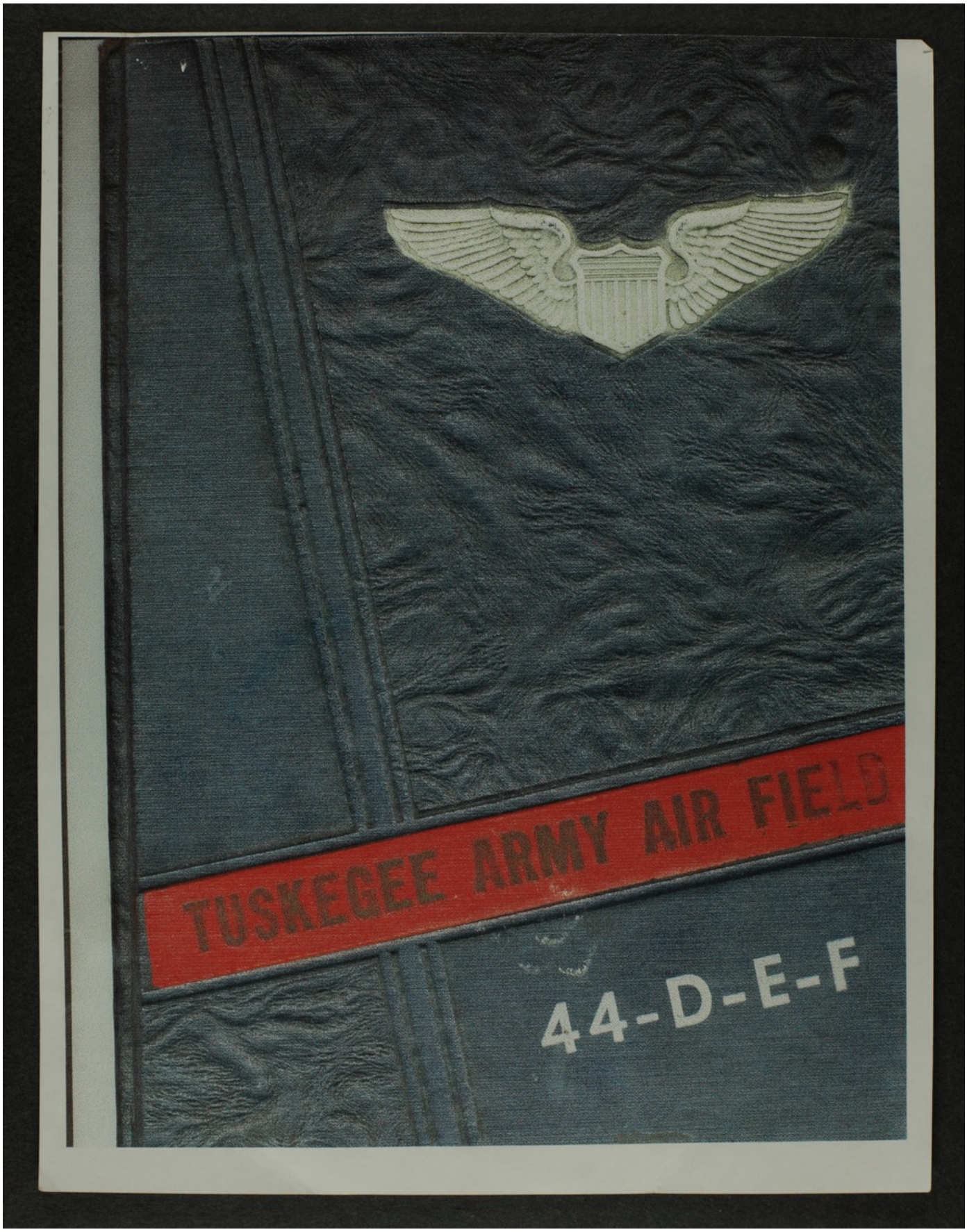
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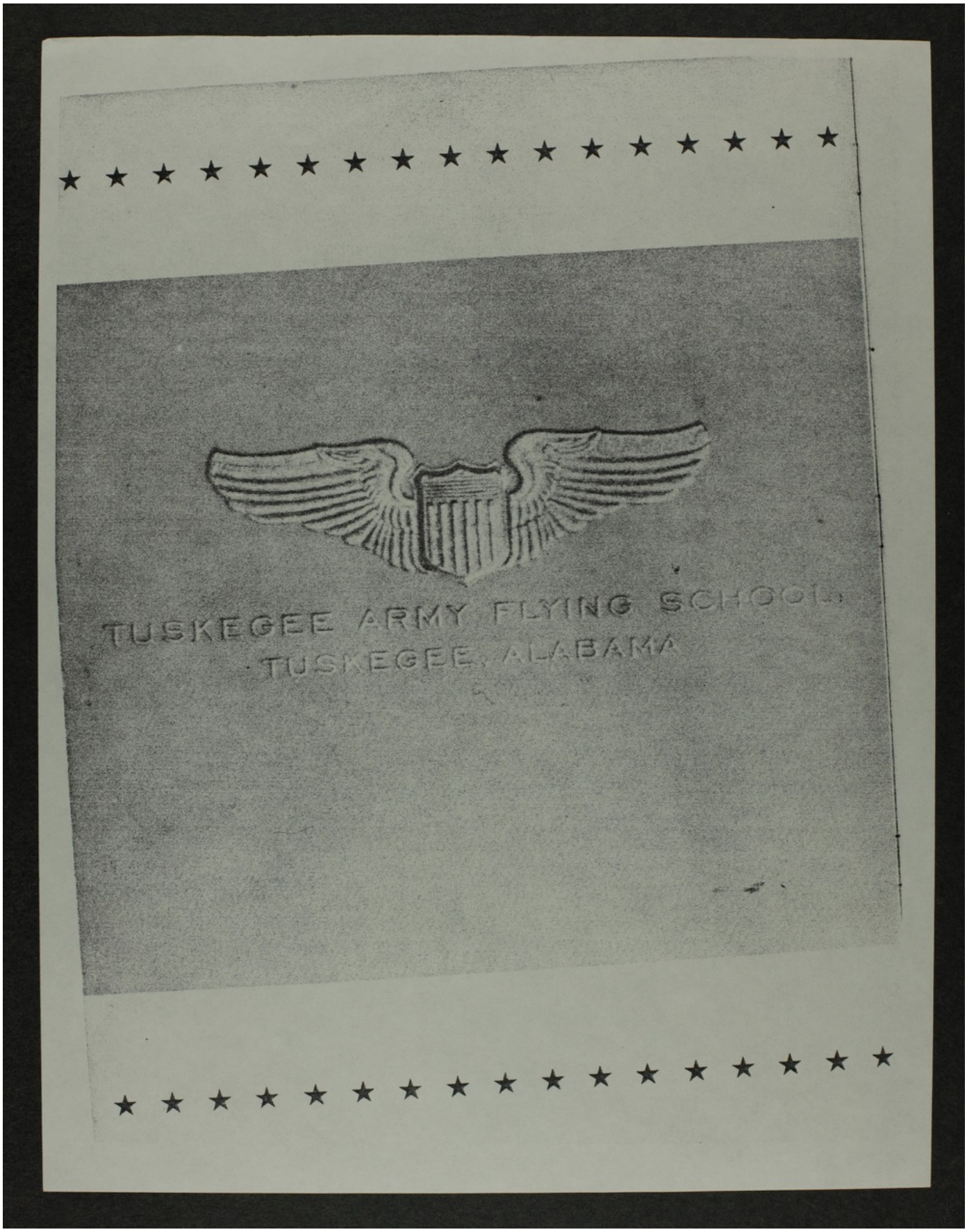
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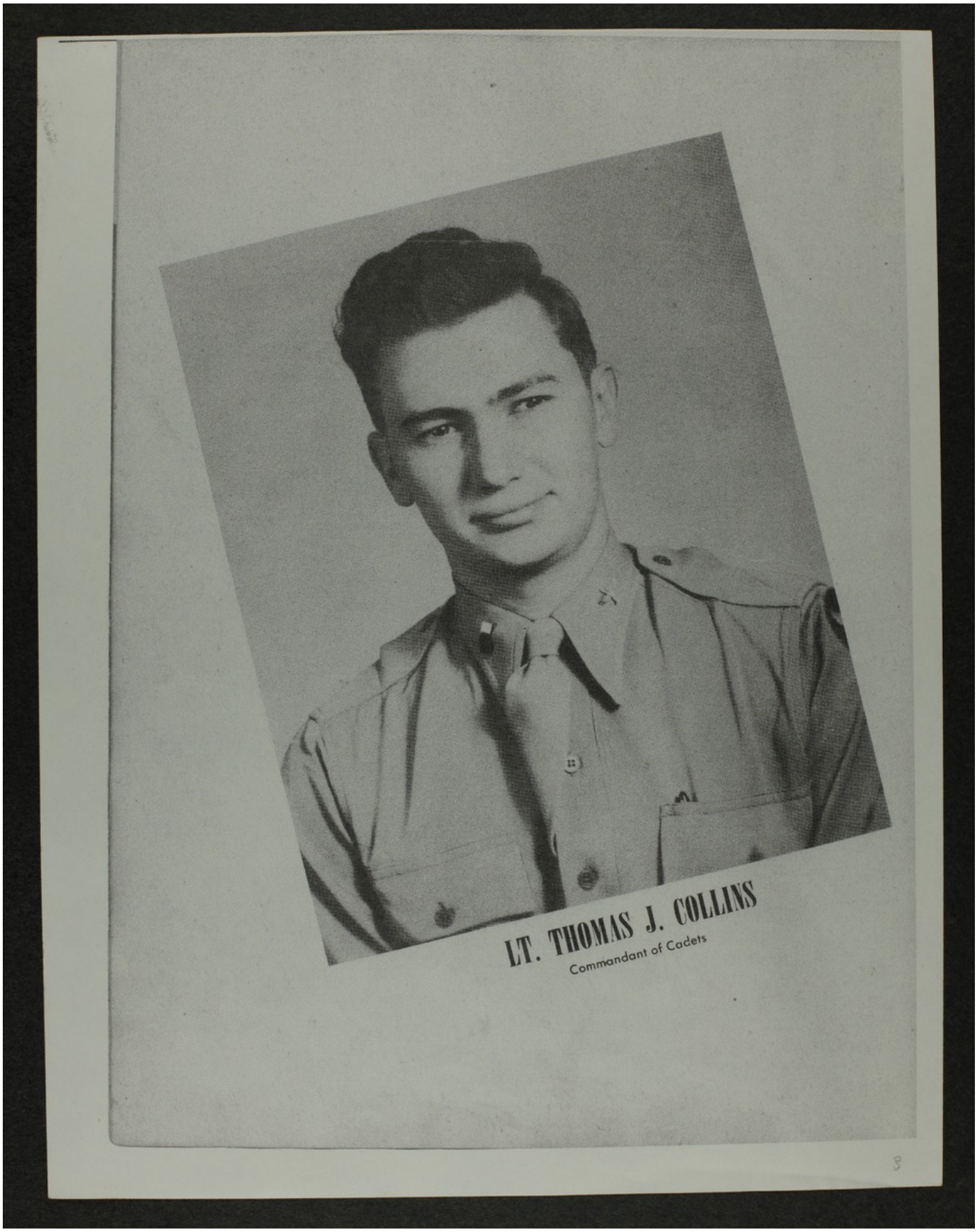
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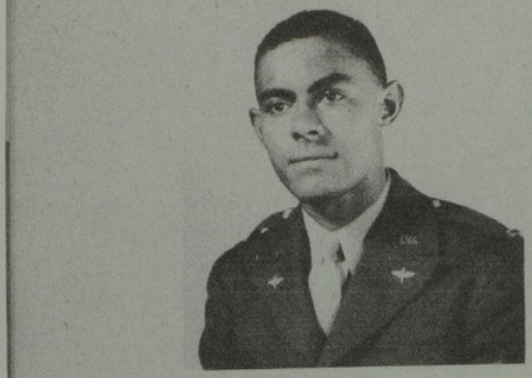

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TUSKEGEE ARMY FLYING SCHOOL
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



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LT. THOMAS J. COLLINS
Commandant of Cadets



LT. BUFORD
Tactical Officer



LT. J. I. PINKETT
Tactical Officer



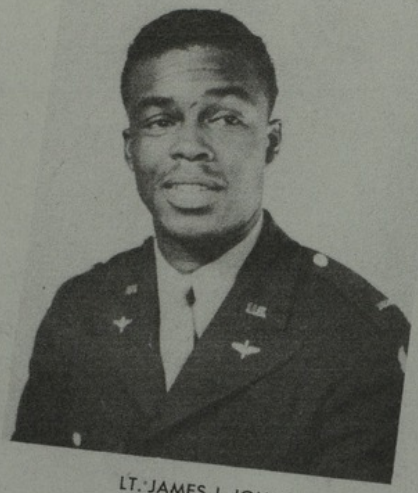
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Secretary

LT. FORDE
Mess Officer
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CADET ADMINISTRATION



LT. JAMES J. JOHNS
Adjutant



LT. SIDNEY S. PARKER
Tactical Officer



LT. WALTER C. DANIALS
Tactical Officer



LT. F. M. LACY
Tactical Officer

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Black Knights:.. The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen"(by Lynn M. Homan & Thomas Reilly)
"In mid-June 1945, a 477th B-25 bomber with seven crew members crashed while on a training mission. The crew had flown the bomber from Godman Field to Gunter Field, Alabama. The bomber had been refueled and was on its return trip home when it went down in a swamp less than four miles east of Gunter Field. The dead included Flight Officers Charles E. Wilson, Edward Glover, Raymond F. Noches, Denny C. Jefferson, Corporals Henry H. Valentine, Luther A. Cox, and Private James H. Ewing. There was only one survivor."

Dead Flight Officers

Charles E. Wilson

Edward Glover

Raymond F. Noches

Denny C. Jefferson

Corporals Henry H. Valentine
and
Luther A. Cox

Private James H. Ewing

Survivor Selwyn Wilson

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3) I will close for now.

Kiss Cindy for me.

Love Mom

NATIONAL ROUNDUP

7 Killed In Bomber Crash In Alabama

GUNTER FIELD, Ala. — Two Chicago pilots were among seven Negro fliers killed Tuesday night when their B-25 training bomber crashed 3½ miles east of this field while on a routine flight from Godman Field, Ky.

The dead were:

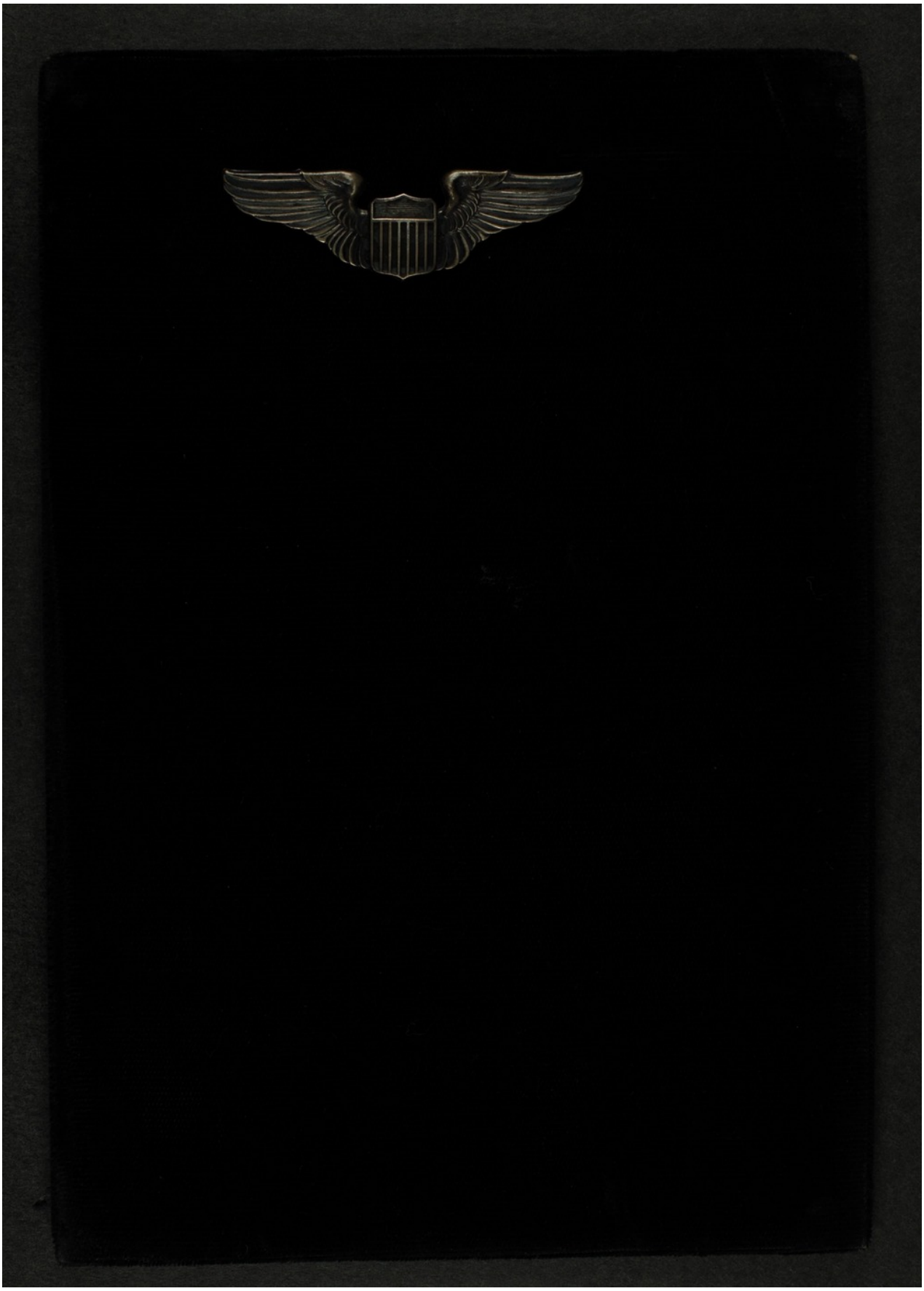
Flight Officer Charles E. Wilson, 1214 W. 52nd street, Chicago.
Flight Officer Edward Glover, 5843 S. State street, Chicago.
Flight Officer Raymond F. Noches, Junction City, Kansas.
Flight Officer Denny C. Jefferson, North Little Rock, Ark.
Cpl. Henry H. Valentine, 323 Walnut street, Rockford, Ill.
Cpl. Luther A. Cox, Detroit, Mich.
Pvt. James H. Ewing, Springfield, Ohio.

Sole survivor of the crash was Cpl. Selvin J. Wilson, whose home city was not immediately available. He is in serious condition at the army base hospital here.

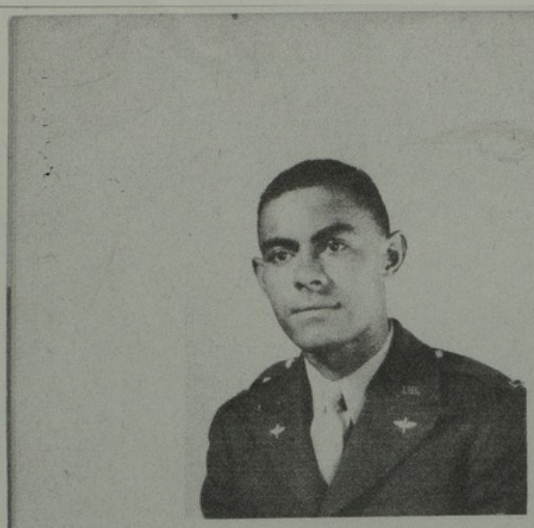
The crash, one of the first for a crew of the 477th Bombardment Squadron based at the air base near Ft. Knox, Ky., occurred after the big B-25 had gassed up at Gunter Field for a return flight to the Kentucky airfield. The plane crashed in a swamp near here shortly after the takeoff.

Cause of the crackup was not determined and an investigating board was named by Col. Raymond L. Winn, commanding officer here.

June 6, 1945




TU-23
TU-23



LT. BUFORD
Tactical Officer



LT. J. I. PINKETT
Tactical Officer

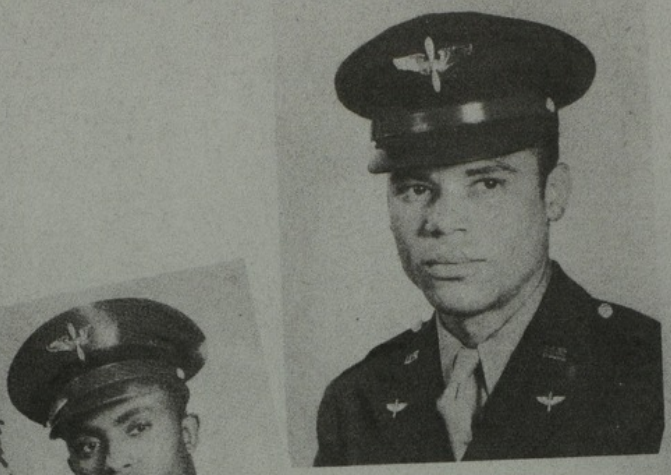


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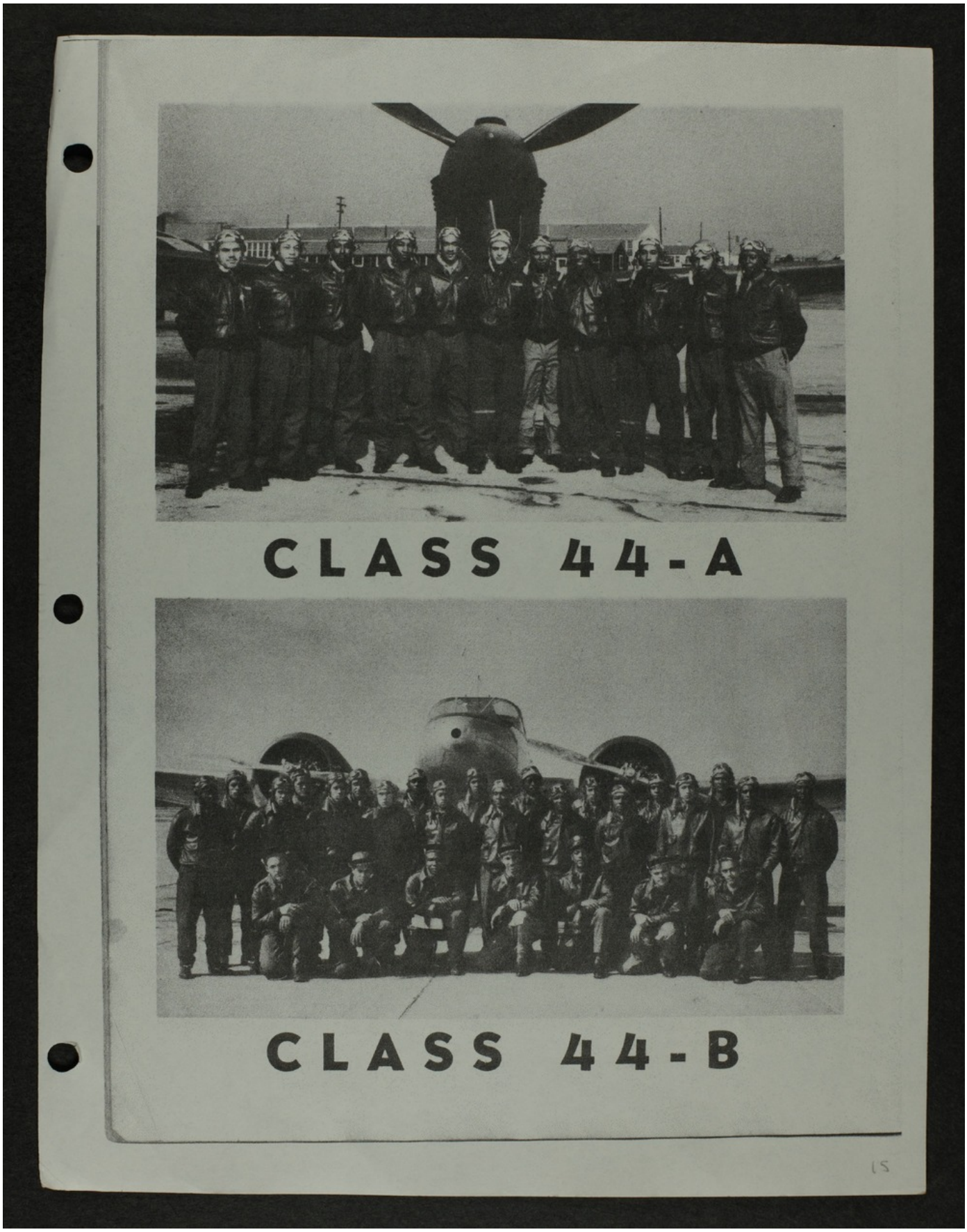
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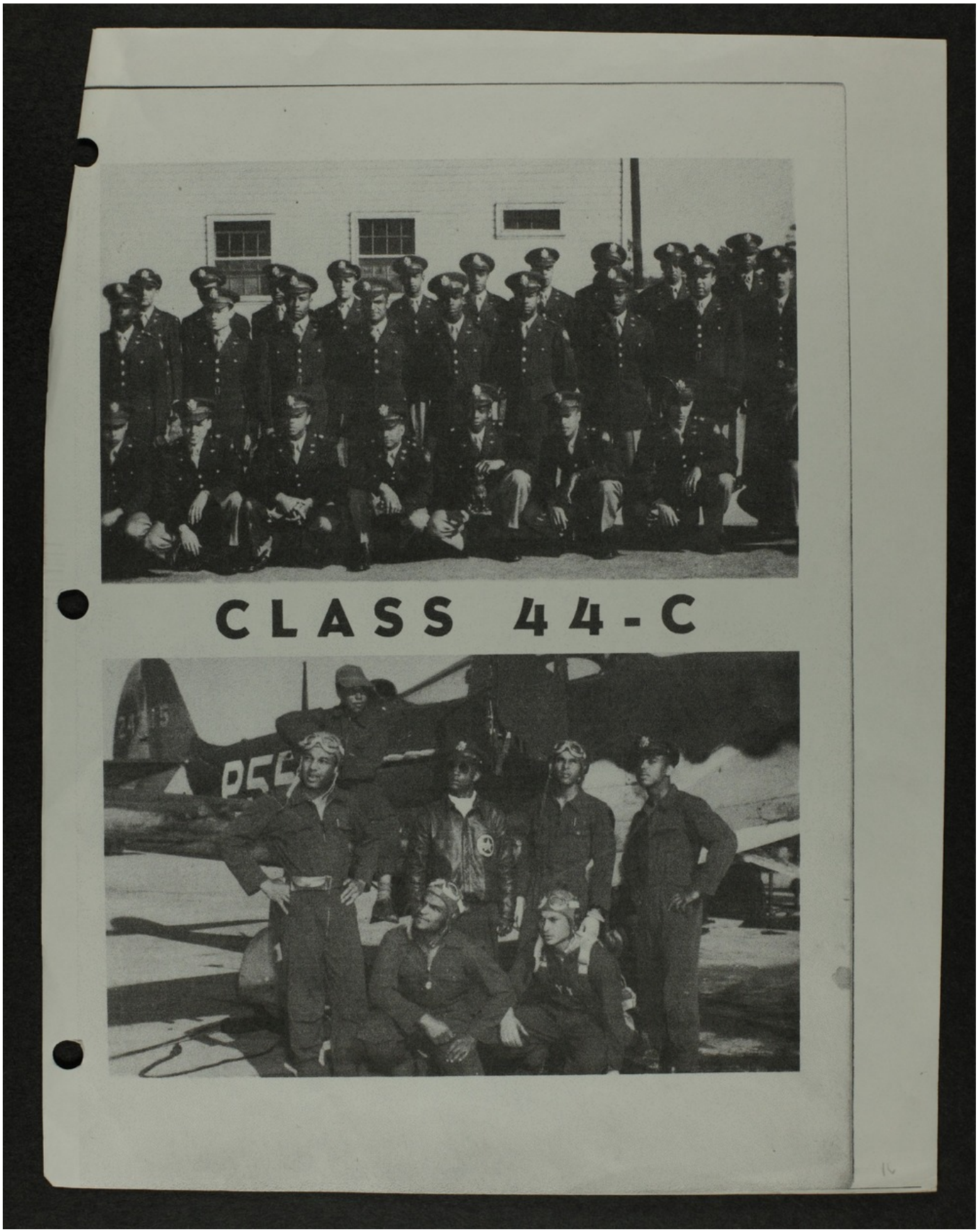
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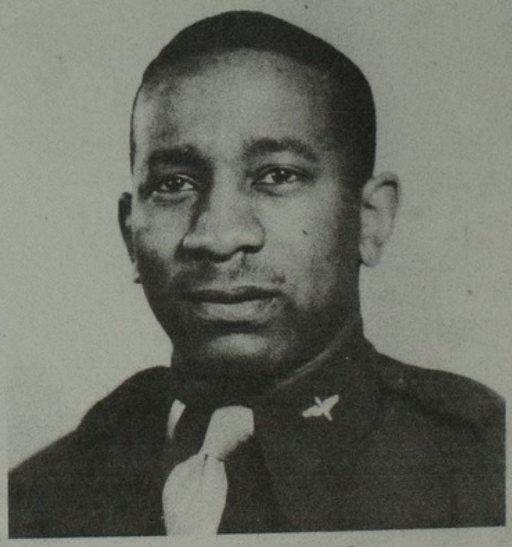
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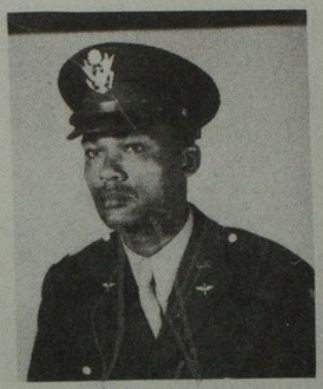
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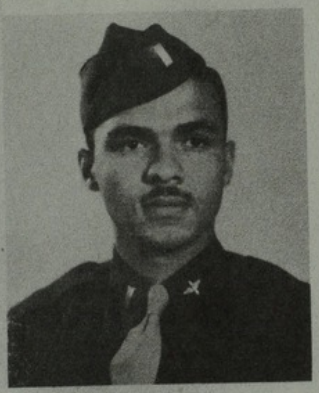
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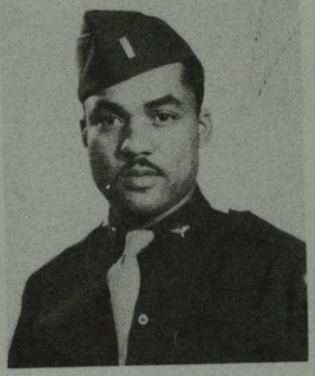
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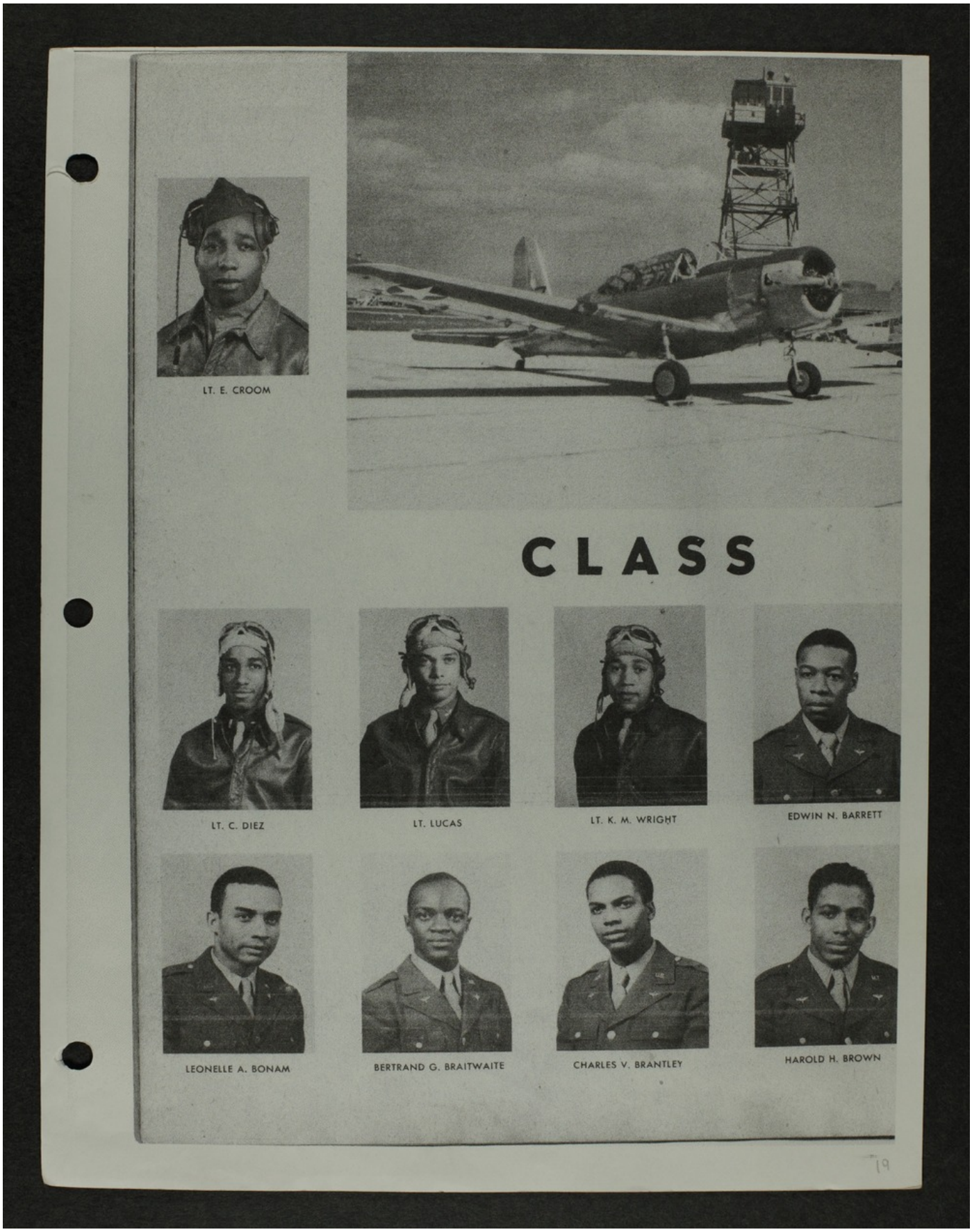

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