

# WELCOME VISITORS!

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★ Armed Forces Day Edition ★

## Display US Might At 'Open House'

Well over ten thousand South Plains citizens are expected to swarm onto Reese Air Force Base today to witness a gigantic array of military might in conjunction with the base's third annual Armed Forces Day "open house" celebration.

Reese officials have arranged an all-around show to include displays and demonstrations representing the power of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines.

Demonstrations and displays and action-packed exhibitions have

been slated for guests of the base, Lt. Col. Albert H. Schneider, project officer, noted. Everything from a concert by the base band to a lesson in flying a synthetic trainer will be offered visitors by way of acquainting them with the work of the armed forces.

Reese is joining with other service installations from Tripoli to Korea and from Alaska to Hawaii in holding colorful ceremonies to mark the occasion.

Prior to the first Armed Forces Day, held in 1950, it had been the custom of the three services to celebrate their own day each year.

Department of Defense officials established Armed Forces Day in the belief that a single day of observance for all branches would be more in keeping with the spirit of unification.

Secretary of the Air Force Thomas K. Finletter said of Armed Forces Day, "... It is a notice to the world that we intend to maintain such strength that war will be unprofitable to any possible enemy.

"The Air Force firmly believes that, if we maintain this strength, there is a real chance that the world will be freed of the threat of war."

## Planes-Guns on Flight Line

Static displays are the means by which the Armed Forces are presenting their "tools of trade" to the visitors at the base in the Armed Forces Day "open house" today.

All four branches of the service are "flexing their muscles" by showing everything from the mainmoth B-29 Superfort to the small but deadly Browning Automatic Rifle.

Visitors have the opportunity of seeing eight different types of aircraft on the flight line; B-29 Superfort, T-28 Trainer, C-47 Transport, T-7 Navigation Trainer, B-25 Mitchell, and the T-6 Texan. A B-47 Mobile Training Unit will also be on display in building T-86. Included in the display will be models of Russian aircraft.

A demonstration of radio usage

### Lost-and-Found Office Set Up by Air Police

A lost-and-found office has been set up today in the Air Police headquarters, building T-79.

has been prepared by the Naval Reserve. A TCS Transmitter and receiver of two-way traffic will enable spectators to hear the operating exchanges between the Naval training center and Reese.

Visitors will also see an RCA Radio demonstrator, TBX Transmitter, and a tape recorder. In addition, the reserve will display a Navy clock, a rating badge poster, knot board, ship models, colorful training aids, an automatic rater, a fire fighting suit, and rescue breathing apparatus. A sonovision movie projector will be in use with a continuous showing of Naval training film.

The National Guard has on display aiming circles, a battery commander's telescope, 105 mm howitzer, 2½-ton trucks, and bazookas.

A show of weapons used by ground troops is being put on by the Marine Corps Reserve. Among the weapons will be a U. S. carbine .50 caliber machine gun, two rocket launchers, sub-machine gun, and two mortars. The Browning rifle will be presented in this display.



The 1952 observance of Armed Forces Day offers an opportunity for the world to pay tribute to the U. S. defense team. It demonstrates the close-working relationship of the Armed Forces, gives the nation a broad view of the nation's defense strength and emphasizes the democratic ideals to which our efforts are dedicated.

Defense Dept.

## GI Pay Bill May be Reality Soon

Washington (AFPS)—A House-Senate conference committee has come up with a compromise version of the long awaited military pay bill. The new bill would grant a four-percent increase in base pay and a 14-percent increase in quarters and subsistence allowances.

At the same time the conferees junked a Senate proposal to give \$45 a month combat pay to men under fire in Korea. House members, however, indicated that they would soon begin hearings on separate legislation to provide the combat bonus.

The pay bill would become effective on the first of the month in which it is passed. Thus, if the bill were passed this month, it

would be retroactive to May 1.

The new version of the bill represents a compromise between the two original bills. The House called for a blanket ten-percent increase and the Senate a three-percent increase in base pay with increases in allowances running well over 10 percent.

The conferees also slated a Senate proposal which would have given an extra \$10 a month rental allowance to officers with more than two dependents.

Pay bill is expected to come before the House as soon as possible. Congressional observers feel confident that it will get equal priority in the Senate and cautiously comment that "it might very well go

through before Memorial Day."

The bill would effect members of the Army, Navy, AF, Marines, Coast Guard, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Public Health Service and 484 uniformed members of the Maritime Commission.

All retired personnel of the Armed Forces are also eligible for the increase.

If the bill is passed this month, finance officials indicate that servicemen might get the increase on their next pay day.

This would depend, however, on how late in the month the bill becomes law.

Dependents may get the increase a month or so later, at which time they will receive the retroactive amount.

## ★ Schedule of Events ★

- 1100—Open House officially begins—all static displays and exhibits open.
- 1200—Concert by the 514th AF Band.  
Free Armed Forces movies begin in Base Theater.
- 1230—Ground Safety demonstration
- 1300—"Sam Houston Rifles" drill team exhibition from Texas Tech.  
Model airplane contest begins.
- 1315—Introduction of Col. Casper P. West, new Reese CO.  
Introduction of Hon. George Mahon, U. S. Congressman.
- 1400—Ground Safety demonstration.
- 1415—Ft. Sill (Okla.) Artillery fire power demonstration.
- 1515—Aircraft fire and crash equipment demonstration.
- 1530—Concert by the 514th AF Band.
- 1600—Dummy parachute drops from C-47.
- 1700—Open House officially over.

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## Col. Casper P. West

### Commanding Officer, Reese Air Force Base

Assuming duties at Reese this week was a new commanding officer, Col. Casper P. West, replacing former CO Col. Thomas J. Barrett who has been assigned a commander's post with the Far East Air Forces.

Colonel West comes here from the Office of the Inspector General, USAF, in Washington, D. C., where he had been since July, 1949.

No novice at the business of running an up-to-the-minute Air Force base, Colonel West has served as the chief of four stateside bases and one overseas station, Munich Air Base, Germany, since 1942. He has also been assistant deputy chief of staff, personnel, with Headquarters, USAF in Europe, and later, deputy chief of staff, operations at Headquarters, European Air Transport Service.

A 1929 graduate of the flying school at Kelly Field, Tex., the "old man" has also attended tactical school and the Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Holder of two aeronautical ratings—combat observer and command pilot—Colonel West has 5,500 flying hours. His formal education was climaxed with a BS degree from Clemson College in 1927.

Colonel West, who was born in Greenville, S. C., lives with his wife, Mary Etta and daughter, Mary Anne, 13, in the commanding officer's quarters on the base.



## Welcome...

We are very glad that you are here with us today.

Armed Forces Day is one of the few occasions upon which we are permitted to interrupt our training schedules as hosts, and we consider it a real privilege to entertain you here.

Circumstances beyond our control have compelled us to eliminate the aerial exhibitions scheduled for today. However, we are sure that you will enjoy the ground exhibits which we have collected for your pleasure and information.

Reese is your base, a part of your Air Force, which, in turn, is a unit of the Armed Forces which protect our nation. We hope that when you leave Reese today you will have a better understanding of the theme for the day: Unity-Strength-Freedom.

CASPER P. WEST,  
Colonel, USAF.

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Then now is the time to indicate your preference of courses at the base Information and Education office, Mr. J. F. Reeves, education officer advises.

Reese military personnel are currently being given the opportunity to sign up for college credits at Lubbock's Texas Technological College. However, the education officer warns, since classes are to be offered in the evenings during the summer session, the college will schedule only those courses for which ten or more men register.

Registration has been set by the college for 5 June. Enrollment must be completed on the base before that date I&E informs. All subjects offered during the summer night sessions will be of 12 weeks duration.

Thus far, insufficient number of airmen have indicated preferences of college courses. Trigonometry 131 heads the incomplete list

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with six students. Others have signed for courses in foreign trade, psychology 230, speech, marketing, English 130, Russian, calculus and accounting 244.

Anyone desiring material regarding the summer study program, information on "Operation Bootstrap," summer catalogs, or assistance in arranging a degree plan of study may inquire at the I&E office, building T-421.

Interested personnel are urged to fill out the adjoining form and

return it as soon as possible to the I&E office. Notice of courses offered will be published in the 23 May issue of THE ROUNDUP.

## Ft. Sill Troops Demonstrate Artillery Fire

Artillery fire, directed by airplane, is a feature of the "open house" celebration today brought from Fort Sill, Okla., by troops of the 595th Field Artillery Battalion.

Equipment to be used during the demonstration, which thrilled visitors last year's Armed Forces Day, includes four 105 mm. howitzers and 10 trucks. The plane which will radio-control the firing of the big guns is an L-19 (liaison type) aircraft from the 77th Group piloted by Capt. Robert M. Richardson. Assisting in the flight will be Lieutenants Horace E. Kidd and Willard F. Nagle.

Lasting almost a half-hour, the show will be a reduced version of a firing battery in a field artillery battalion, showing the rapid occupation of position and delivery of fire of such a battery. Blank ammunition will be used in the guns.

During World War II, the 595th saw action in the Pacific, winning honors in the New Guinea, Northern Solomons and Bismark Archipelago campaigns. Inactivated in 1946, the battalion has since been allotted to the Regular Army and activated at Fort Sill where since March, 1951, it has been engaged primarily in training and support of the artillery school there. The artillery demonstration is under the direction of Capt. Edward D. Larsen and 1st Lt. Richard A. Littlestone.

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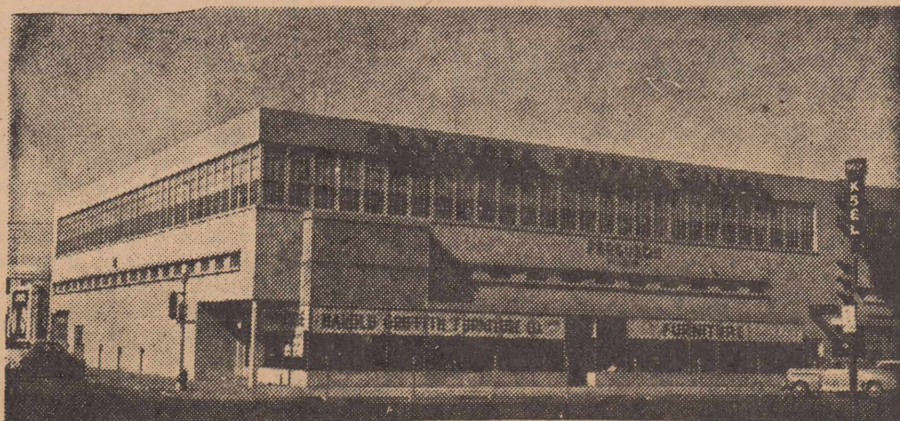
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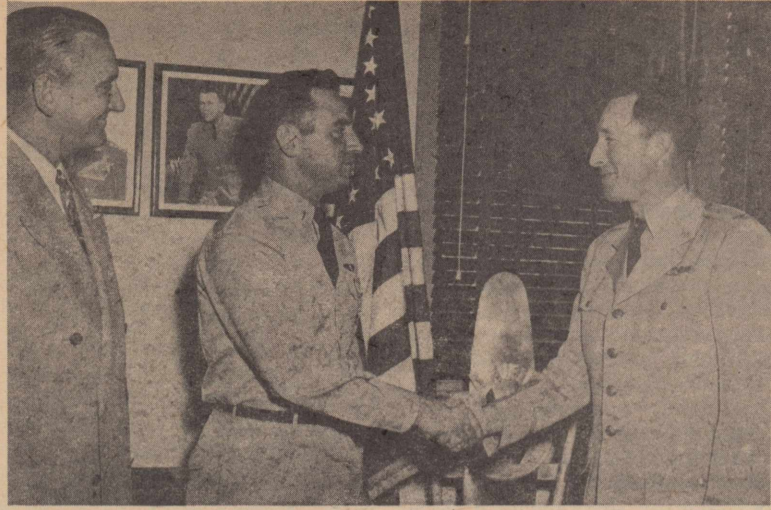
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# HIGHLIGHTS Of The Day

- ★ Concert in flight line by the 514th Air Force Band, starting at 1200 hours.
- ★ Exhibition by Sam Houston Rifles, crack drill team made up of ROTC cadets from Texas Tech College.
- ★ Don't miss the exhibition of models of Russian airpower in hangars.
- ★ Continuous combat films of action in Korea will be shown in the base theater starting at 1200.
- ★ A model airplane contest will be held on the ramp west of the hangar line starting at 1300.
- ★ Naval Reserve will stage an exhibition of radio usage.
- ★ National Guard will show its big Howitzer, bazookas and 2½ ton trucks.
- ★ Marine Corps Reserve will show .50cal. machine guns, rocket launchers, sub-machine guns, mortars and the Browning Automatic Rifle.
- ★ The 595th Field Artillery Battalion from Fort Sill, Okla., will fire four 105 mm. Howitzers, using radio controlled plane for directions.



**KOREAN VETERAN** . . 1st Lt. Charles R. Hills is presented a Distinguished Flying cross by Col. Cecil C. McFarland, acting wing commander. At left, Alexander T. Burton, vice-president of North American Aviation, Inc., watches presentation. Mr. Burton flew here from California to tell the 131 graduates of Class 52-C the problems met in the air industry while trying to give U. S. pilots the world's best planes. Mr. Burton was principal speaker at last Saturday's graduation, following which the presentation of six DFC's were made to Korean returnees.

## Retitle Pilot Training Bases Dub Reese Program "Basic"

Reese has received a new designation for the pilot school here along with a title shuffle announced recently by Flying Training Air Force. With the change, the term "primary," abandoned since World War II, has come into use again.

Retitled, USAF Basic Pilot School, (Multi-Engine), Reese has dropped the tag, Advanced Multi-Engine Pilot School. Reason for the change was the recent activation of the Crew Training Air Force which was given the responsibility of training FTAF graduates for "combat readiness" in fighters or bombers before assignment to operational commands.

Still remaining a two-phase program, as far as the Flying Training Air Force is concerned, the pilot training program will now see the student begin his training in primary and receive his wings and commission after completing basic. Until now, he began in basic, and went on to advance flight training, both six month courses. The redesignated phases will continue to be six months.

Instead of receiving his primary training in WWII-type light planes such as Stearmans or Ryan's, the aviation cadet has since 1947 begun his training in the plane that wartime cadets graduated in, the North American T-6 "Texan."

Bases affected by the move are Big Spring, Bryan and Williams, single engine schools; Vance and Reese, multi-engine; and the following which will become primary training schools: Goodfellow, Bainbridge, Barton, Columbus, Greenville, Hondo, Kingston, Malden, Marana and Spence.

## When is Sergeant Not a Sergeant? New Grade Titles Alter NCO Status

Today's visitors will find that not all the enlisted men they see are non-commissioned officers. In fact, only those men with four, five, and six stripes are now rated as NCO's.

The old buck sergeant and corporal titles were changed effective 1 April to airman first class and airman second class, respectively. Privates and privates first class have been dubbed basic airmen and airmen third class.

The policy to limit NCO status to first three graders, whose titles were not changed in the recent directive, has been initiated "to meet the increasing technical requirements of the USAF and to give greater recognition of the supervisory responsibility of NCO's."

Since the policy went into effect, the lower four grades have been addressed "airman" while the top three graders answer to "sergeant."

"The Air Force recognizes the long accepted concept of the NCO as the backbone of the military organization," USAF Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg stated. "During World War II, however,

that conception lost much of its accuracy not because the meaning was no longer true, but because of rapid advancement to the NCO grades and because of the frequent failure of inexperienced officers to appreciate the possibilities of an able, loyal group of leaders within the enlisted ranks.

"We are going to strengthen that leadership in the best meaning of the word by every possible means," he said.

New chevrons with newly designed insignia are planned to replace the stripes of the lower four grades when the present stock is exhausted.

General Vandenberg emphasized that the removal of corporals and sergeants from the NCO status in no way downgraded their value to the Air Force.

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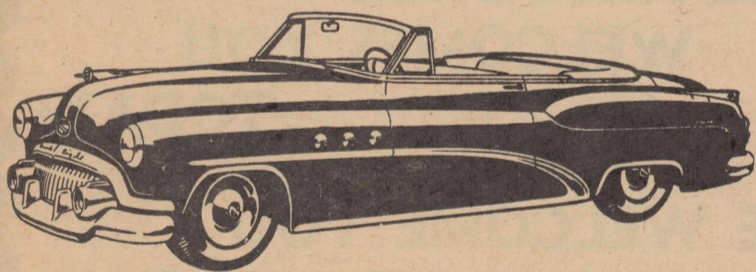
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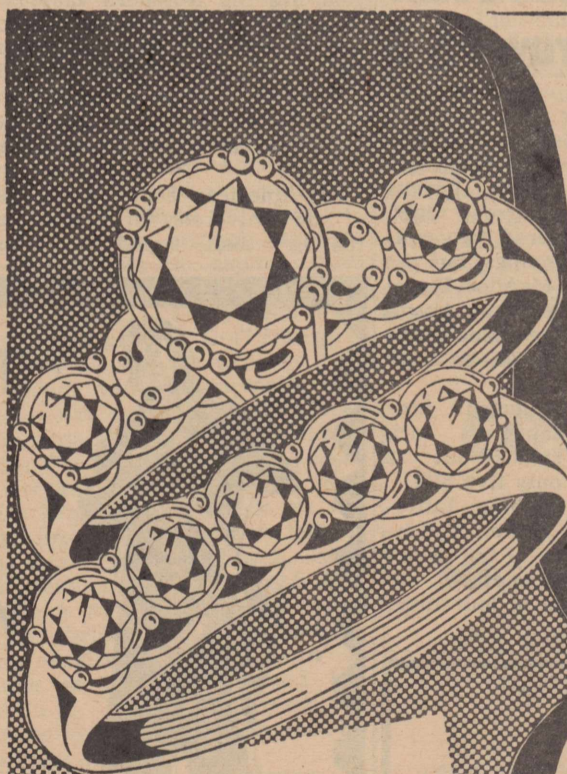
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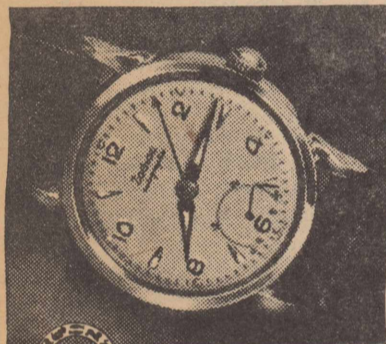
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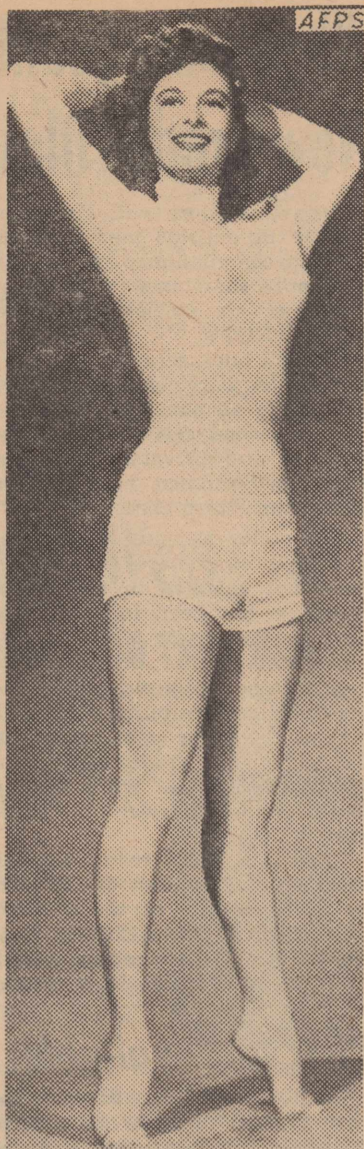
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## Base Softball Team Tops Seagraves 8-5

The unbeaten base softball team exploded for six runs in the fourth inning and went on to defeat McAdoo-Hearn of Seagraves 8-5, in a South Plains League game in Lubbock Thursday night.

Both teams garnered two runs in the first three innings, but the roof fell in on McAdoo-Hearn pitcher, Thomas, in the fourth when 11 Reese batters came to the plate and produced six of their eight runs.

The Reese men collected nine hits behind the slants of Jack Littlefield who struck out 12 men and gave up only five hits.

In addition to pitching, Littlefield teamed with Dalton Touchett to knock out five of the team's nine hits. Touchett smashed out a single and double in four times at bat.

## sport briefs

By A/2C BOB ROOKER

On the sports scene, championships and trophies have been plentiful during the past year. While Reese boxers have been scoring KO's and winning titles, softball and basketball squads have prowled tournaments in search of top crowns. Airmen have scrambled among themselves in efforts to capture intramural titles in all sports.

Earl Priestly of the Air Police squadron added to his growing list of victories in the fistic field by defeating the European Amateur Welterweight champion for the Air Force Western Zone championship... Callen Bowe and Ernest Bruce also won the middle and featherweight divisions in the same tournament... Bruce was previously the Outdoor Boxing champ in the 126 pound division.

The 3501st Maintenance squadron football team edged past the Cadet A squad in the finals of the intra-mural league last November by a 13 to 12 score despite the disadvantage of playing against All-American Dick Kempthorn of Michigan University... The winners had a 13-1 won and lost record against a 12-2 record for the runnerup cadets.

The intra-mural American and National softball leagues ended in a jumble of three teams vying for first place... the American league champion Medical squadron won the base pennant by defeating the National league Installation squadron winner, who had eliminated the Pilot Training Wing in the play-offs.

A few of the laurels heaped upon the base softball team this year are the Northern Zone Interservice championship... runner-up in the Western Area Tourney... Lubbock city league title... and third place in the National softball Tournament held at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

All-American Don Sunderlarge of the University of Illinois led the basketball squad to second

## Model Airplanes to Compete for Prizes

A two-event U-control model plane contest is expected to draw major attention during today's "open house" celebration. 1300 and last until 1800 hours. Presentation of awards will be made immediately upon the close of events.

Sponsored jointly by Lubbock's VFW, AMVETS, American Legion and the DAV, in co-operation with Reese, the contest will be held in official circles roped off on the ramp west of the hanger line. The flights will begin at

place in the Northern Air Force Zone conference... the base five narrowly missed winning the interservice championship when Brooks Army Medical Center, the All-Army champs, defeated them.

Over 50 area contestants are expected to compete, according to James Carpenter, of Lubbock, contest director. The combat and stunt categories will offer keen competition, officials predict.

Stunt flying the tiny aircraft is in itself an art and a real pleasure to watch.

A trophy will be awarded first place winner and plaques will be presented for second and third places.

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# Cross-Country Hop is Final Exam

By A/IC DICK McCUNE

With a reverberating roar of twin engines the "25" shook off the forces of gravity and lifted itself mightily into the sky above Reese Air Force Base.

Then, pointed to the west, it was off on a routine training flight to California, only another of the many cross-country hops that leaves Reese during the training of each cadet class in the

USAF Basic Pilot School (multi-engine) here.

At the controls of the "Mitchell" bomber was a student officer, 2nd Lt. Harry Doolittle, of Dekalb, Miss., while a fellow student, 2nd Lt. Harold Cobb, Pampa, Tex., took up duties in the plexiglass nose compartment as navigator. Riding co-pilot on the trip was the instructor, 1st Lt. Charles R. Hills, of Long Beach, Calif., a

former member of the 452nd Bomb Wing and B-26 "night intruder" pilot of 62 missions in Korea. T/Sgt. William G. Reifers, Okolona, Miss., flight engineer, sat in readiness at his post behind the pilot's deck.

### Mapped Route First

Before leaving the base the officers had mapped the route in the flight planning room, received weather briefings and filled out a flight plan listing the crew, route and other pertinent data. After clearing operations and making a visual inspection of the aircraft, number 44-30701, the plane was taxied to the runway, engines were warmed up and control tower instructions received prior to take-off.

While the aircraft droned along above the sandy stretches of Texas and New Mexico desert, the two young students—both enlisted men in the Air Corps for three years during World War II and both more recently graduates of the Reserve Officers Training Corps—might have traced their experiences as pilot trainees, which they had been for a year.

Now, as they winged on this thousand-mile trip, their training was near an end. In less than a month they would be wearing the silver wings of an Air Force pilot. (Lieutenants Cobb and Doolittle were graduated here last weekend. The cross country hop was made on the weekend of 18 to 21 April.)

### Flying a Full-Time Job

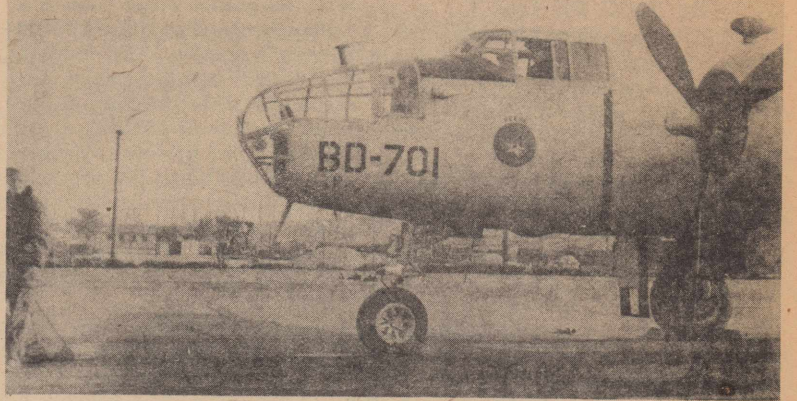
The day was warm and sunny. Visibility was unlimited as they flew at 6,000 feet so visual flight rules, VFR, in pilot jargon, were employed. On the horizon, a tornado spiraled menacingly, and the fliers joked about it over the inter-com. Headings, by compass degree, were given Doolittle by Cobb; positions were radioed to radio range stations along the way; the business of flying kept the young pilots hard at their work.

Mountains and towns, desert land cities swirled beneath the plane as it cruised at a mile-eating speed of 190 to 200 miles-an-hour. A twin-engine shadow brushed Hobbs, the gaping mouth of Carlsbad Caverns, Guadalupe peak, El Paso. A tiny train puffed, laboring, and a C-47 transport seemed to skirt the wingtip.

Clouds were encountered, and circumnavigated. Then, just over a mountain range was Tuscon and then Phoenix, Ariz., with Luke Air Force Base only a few minutes beyond. A check on the fuel supply showed plenty left for the final lap to Long Beach, Calif., the destination of the flight. And since a radioed query revealed good visibility at Long Beach, it was decided not to "set down" at Luke, as originally planned, but go on in. The students made the proper and necessary clearance by radio.

### Instructor a Californian

California appeared with the crossing of the Colorado River, and the instructor, a native of the West Coast, jibed that if he should faint from breathing too much



PARKING THE AIRCRAFT at Long Beach Air Force Base, Calif., marks the final task of the student pilots before they begin the return flight two days later. Lieutenant Cobb has just cut the engines as flight engineer T/Sgt. William Reifers prepares to place chocks under the wheels.



IN THE AIR, with student officer Lieutenant Doolittle at the controls of the TB-25 bomber, Lieutenant Cobb, right, copes with the problems of navigation. He will take up his post in the nose of the aircraft when a bearing has been set to put the plane on course.

## Base History Began 1941; Training Continues Today

Just before the outbreak of World War II during the feverish defense preparations of 1941, contracts were let to turn the cotton fields 12 miles west of Lubbock into a \$3-500,000 Army Air Force base, where future pilots of the United States could be trained.

The first class of cadets graduated in early 1942 and men from this and succeeding classes flew the bombers, the flying Fortresses, Liberators and B-26's over targets such as the Pliseti oil fields, Berlin, Rome, Naples, Tarawa, Iwo Jima, Wake Island the Hump and Tokyo.

Early in 1944 the field completed its mission of training pilots and began turning out instrument pilots, a job it continued until the field closed 31 December, 1945.

For four years the base served as a haven for veterans and their families who experienced housing difficulties. Barracks were converted to low rental apartment units while other buildings served as meeting places for National Guard, Air Corps Reserve, and Naval Reserve units and Veterans Administration District offices.

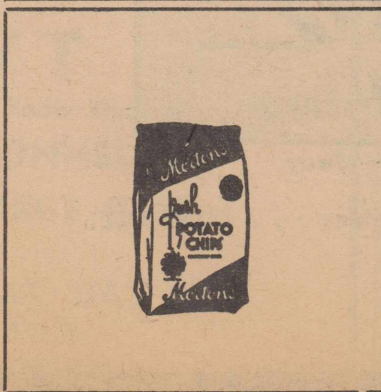
Early in 1949, word went out that the field was to be reactivated. The base was put under the jurisdiction of the 3500th Pilot Training Wing, then at Barksdale Air Force Base, and on 1 July rehabilitation work was begun. The apartments which had housed veterans were made into quarters for non-commissioned officers and their families, hangars were renovated, shops equipped, office buildings refurbished, supply organizations estab-

lished, and all the other necessary details were accomplished by a unit from the 3500th.

After the unit from Barksdale had been officially moved to Lubbock, the base, which was known then as Lubbock Army Air Field, began its primary mission of multi-engine pilot training. On 1 November, 1950 the first post-war aviation classes, 50-A and 50-B arrived. At that time Col. Thomas J. Barrett was the base commanding officer. Col. George W. Parry preceded him as Reese's first post-war commander.

On 5 November, 1949 the name was officially changed to Reese Air Force Base in memory of First Lieutenant Augustus F. Reese, Jr., of Shallowater, Texas, who was killed in action in Sardinia, Italy, in 1943.

Congressman George Mahon made the announcement that Reese had been chosen as a permanent military installation, pending the transfer of land from the City of Lubbock to the U. S. government, on Armed Forces Day, 1950.



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clean, fresh air, someone would have to revive him by throwing a pail of Texas dust in his face.

Finally, after passing over a former fighter base, a stretch of yellow desert and the San Bernardino Mountains, March Field, Riverside and Long Beach came in that order. The pilot circled the city, made contact with Long Beach Air Force Base, received landing instructions and brought the training bomber down in a perfect landing.

Total time for the trip had been five hours and fifteen minutes, but by gaining two hours in passing through time zones only three hours of the day had been consumed. The fliers checked in with operations while the flight engineer checked the airplane. Then the group was ready to spend the rest of Friday and all of Saturday "on the town" before returning to Reese Sunday.

### "Weather In"

Sunday, bad weather conditions east of Tuscon forced cancellation of the return flight until the next day, so Lieutenant Hills spent another day with his family and the two student officers stayed over with a cousin of Lieutenant Cobb.

Monday, the weather in Arizona had lifted and soon the bomber was again in the air. However, a low ceiling at Long Beach forced the plane, now with Lieutenant Cobb at the controls, to rise above the fluffy layer of cumulus clouds and make an instrument

departure. Flying IFR, instrument flight rules, to Blythe, it was there cancelled and visual flight employed.

At Phoenix, the pilot put the aircraft in a slow bank, circling the town in order to receive instructions for again flying on instruments. Procedures completed, the flight continued IFR until reaching Rodeo range station in New Mexico where clear weather enabled the pilot to fly in to Reese under visual flight rules.

### Training Completed

With the landing on the base a "finis" was written to the training of the two student officers. Having successfully completed the cross country, the last hurdle before their goal of pilot's wings, the officers could look forward to still more training in a transition school before actual assignment.

But to them, the important thing was that "they had made it" and were now accepted, after a year of intense training, as full-fledged pilots in the world's finest flying team, the United States Air Force.

## You Too Can Fly

INTERESTED IN AVIATION CADET TRAINING? The two-year college requirement for pilot and observer training has been dropped for the present and airmen with a high school diploma may apply regardless of length of service.

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# 'Flying on Ground' Saves Lives, Aids Training

By A/3C ED DALY

Hundreds of casualties are prevented every day at U. S. pilot training bases because of the unique set-up which allows aviation cadets to fly without leaving the ground.

**Every operation which the student would make if actually flying an airplane is duplicated on the ground under this training program.**

Before a cadet becomes a fully qualified pilot he is well acquainted with pressures at distances up to 40,000 feet.

This is done by means of an altitude chamber. The student, with other members of his class, is put into the big steel tank where he finds out how thin the air gets at high altitudes and learns to cope with it.

The trip into the chamber usually lasts a couple of hours. The huge, vault-like doors close behind him and a powerful Kinney Vacuum pump begins to suck the air away from him.

Although pilots usually put on oxygen masks at 10,000 feet, the students leave their masks off until the air condition in the tank is the same as it would be at 18,000 feet. This is done to acquaint the future pilot with the effects of the less dense atmosphere.

Under atmospheric conditions equal to a height of 25,000 feet, one student takes off his mask and tries to do simple mathematics problems. After four minutes without his mask in these conditions he can't think well enough to add two and two. If his mask were left off for over five minutes, he would probably lose consciousness.

At 35,000 feet another test is given the students. At this height, students take off their masks and find that they're unable even to imitate an airplane with their hands. At this altitude, one can remain conscious for only about 55 seconds after he takes off his mask.

After reaching a simulated height of 40,000 feet, the "descent" is begun. When the pressure is back to what it would be at 25,000 feet, the entire group of students take off their masks to sample those conditions which exist when the air is rarified.

The descent continues gradually until the 10,000 foot mark is reached. Then the "flight" falls to regular conditions in a fraction of a second so that the students are familiar with diving conditions.

Another feature of ground flying is the synthetic trainer. When studying this program, the cadet climbs into full scale cockpit and operates an automatic signal system which is almost identical to the system used in actual flight. The controls are also standardized so that he won't be confused when he actually climbs into an airplane and makes his first take-off. He receives instructions by means of a head phone from a trainer only a few feet away and begins to fly. A graph records the "plane's" action and thereby gives the instructor an indication of the student's ability to handle a plane under actual flying conditions.

Aviation cadets go through an intensified course in instrument flying during which they handle the trainers

with no guides other than the instruments themselves. This program teaches the cadets the latest techniques in instrument flying during a 30-hour classroom period.

In the flight planning problem room students learn the procedures used when actually flying an airplane—radio operation, navigation, clearances, logs and flight plans—still without ever leaving the ground.

Again the students are given problems by instructors through their head phones and must handle the problems satisfactorily before they are allowed to fly.

The Training Aids section, which makes all the visual aids for the students, has set up survival kits, for arctic, sea, desert and tropic conditions in its equipment laboratory. In addition, the section has set up full-scale models of fuel systems and oil systems; cutaways of engines so that the students can see the engine's actual operation without any casing blocking his view; a complete radio set-up, with eight-channel receivers and transmitters; and the section has set a B-25 up on blocks so that the cadets see certain mechanical operations.

Because the Air Force refuses to gamble with the lives of its pilots and sets up programs by which they are thoroughly trained before being allowed in an airplane, the USAF saves countless lives and dollars each year.



PLANNING A FLIGHT across the nation is a snap to these cadets. Without leaving the ground they'll simulate all the problems of weather, navigation and even trouble with their radios . . . all in the flight planning problem, one of the pilot school's most valuable training aids. Above, Cadets George Winn and Stanton G. Wilcox cope with a flight problem.

Roger Bacon invented the magnifying glass.

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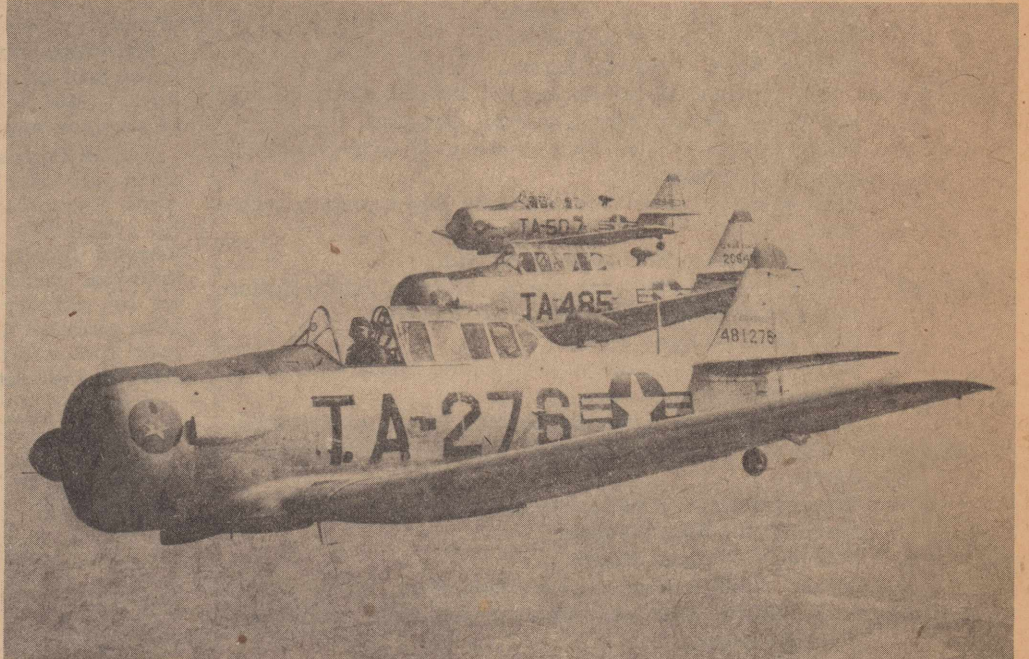
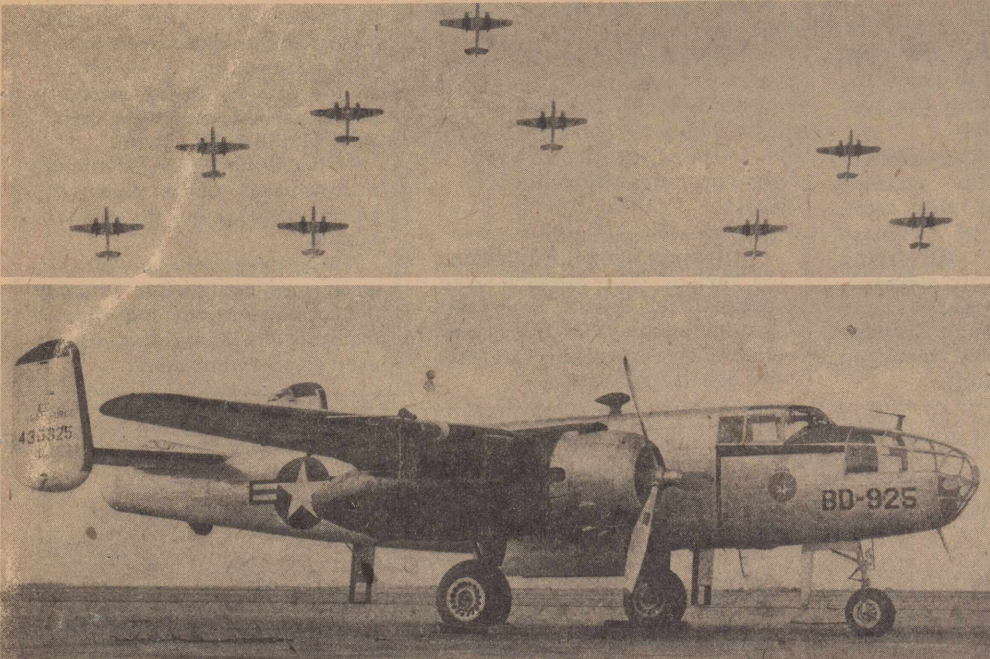
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# Training of Pilots is Primary Mission of Reese Air Force Base



SINGLE AND TWIN-ENGINE AIRCRAFT are the flying classrooms in the training of pilots at Reese. Students of the USAF Basic Pilot School (Multi-Engine) who will later fly the conventional type bombers of today's Air Force take their final training here in the TB-25 "Mitchell" bomber shown above, lower left, and in formation flight, top left. All of the students are required to fly the T-6 "Texan" single engine trainer, above right, but students who will later train in the two-place F-94 jet interceptor are required to spend their entire period here learning single-engine techniques in the Texan.

## USAF Expansion Requires Men as Well as Machines . . .

# Airplanes, Pilots Make an Air Force

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At least 1,000 rated officers are grounded annually for physical reasons, age, etc. Therefore, it takes at least 1,000 new ones to replace them just to keep the Air

Force at its present, inadequate strength.

But 1,000 successfully trained new pilots each year are not enough. Many more applicants are needed and must be found if we are to have an Air Force capable of carrying out its mission.

That is the reason for the recent easing of entrance requirements into Aviation Cadet training. Not since World War II has the opportunity for silver wings and a commission been available to so many young men.

The present requirements for airmen are: Age 19-26½, unmarried, U. S. citizen, and a high school diploma. Physically, any normally healthy young man can pass the tests without trouble.

Requirements for civilians are: age 19-26½; completion of two years of college; must pass a qualifying examination designed to test aptitude for flying; single, male citizen, good physical con-

dition with high requirements for eyes, ears, heart and teeth.

Qualified civilians interested in the aviation cadet pilot training program may contact the local U. S. Army-U. S. Air Force recruiting station, room 203, Post Office building in Lubbock.

Not the least among the reasons for entering into Aviation Cadet training is the desire to "get ahead."

From any angle, the present requirements policy is an opportunity for an airman to better himself. American "know-how" will continue to supply the airplanes. American initiative and ambition must supply the men to fly them.

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# Entertainment Roundup

**TONIGHT** — "Paula," starring Loretta Young. Also Topper and color cartoon at the base theater.  
NCO Mess — Hill Billy Dance.  
Officers Mess — Spring Formal.

**SUNDAY** — "The Greatest Show on Earth," starring Betty Hutton and Cornel Wilde. Also Universal Newsreel.  
Officers Mess — The Showstoppers, 1/2 price cocktails, and the Smorgasbord.  
NCO Mess — Dance with music by Bob Lamont's orchestra.  
Service Club — Recreational Movies.

**MONDAY** — "The Greatest Show on Earth," starring Betty Hutton and Cornel Wilde. Also Universal Newsreel.  
NCO Mess — Open House.  
Officers Mess — Bridge at 2000 hours. Dance with music by the Showstoppers afterwards.  
Service Club — Aztec Dance with the base orchestra.

**TUESDAY** — "The Ivory Hunter," actually filmed in the darkness of Africa.  
Officers Mess — Bingo party and dance afterwards with music by the Showstoppers.  
NCO Mess — Open House.  
Service Club — Music appreciation class.

**WEDNESDAY** — "Brave Warrior," starring Jon Hall. Also Color Popeye cartoon.  
NCO Mess — Open House.  
Service Club — Bingo.

**THURSDAY** — "Outcasts of Poker Flat," starring Anne Baxter and Dale Robertson. Also Newsreel.  
Officers Mess — Women's Club Executive Council meeting at 1300 hours. Dancing later with the Showstoppers.  
Service Club — Dance with music by the base orchestra.

## Oil Strike Cancels Day's Flying Plans

Activities during the open house will go on as usual today . . . but without the roar of airplane engines.

Armed Forces Day celebrations all over the country were "grounded" this week by Secretary of Defense Charles Lovett. All flying activities previously scheduled by military planes have been canceled due to the current fuel shortage resulting from the oil dispute.

## Transfers In...

Capt. Charles M. Floyd, Abilene, Tex., Personal Affairs; 1st Lt. Donald J. Noecker, Robeson, Pa., 3501st Tr. Sq.; 1st Lt. Donald M. Jewell, Saginaw, Mich., PTrGp.; 2d Lt. James W. Woodard, Athens, Ga., ABGp.; 2d Lt. Edward C. Schneider, Jr., Bayonne, N. J., ABGp.

Although eleven formations of various type aircraft were canceled at Reese, the static ground displays of all planes except two naval aircraft will be held as scheduled.

## Lost Children

Small children who become separated from their parents during the open house activities will be taken by the Air Police to the chapel annex which is located across the street northwest of the base chapel.

If the children are old enough to give their names, these will be broadcast over the speaker system.

The children will be well taken care of during their stay at the annex and the facilities of the adjacent playground will be used to entertain them.



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Radio, of course, is a great media for covering any special event . . . today is one of those times when radio will play a big part in covering not only our own Armed Forces Day specialties, but also in presenting other good-listening programs aimed at saluting personnel of the services.

All three stations in Lubbock, KFYO - ABC, KSEL - LBS and KCBD-MBS, will carry a Reese-produced Defense Department show featuring T/Sgt. Joe Blanks and S/Sgt. Jack Gibson as narrators with musical score by the 514th Air Force Band. Airtimes are as follows: KSEL-LBS 5:45 a. m.; KFYO-ABC, 11:00 a. m.; KCBD-MBS, 11:30 a. m.

In other special high-lighted shows, KSEL-LBS points with pride to a quarter hour for former members of the service, a qualification we all may fill—someday. "Here's To Veterans" airs at 6:15 p. m. today and features the music (?) of Spike Jones and the City Slickers.

The specialties from KFYO-ABC include a quarter-hour presentation from the Disabled American Veterans organization to be aired at 10:30 a. m.

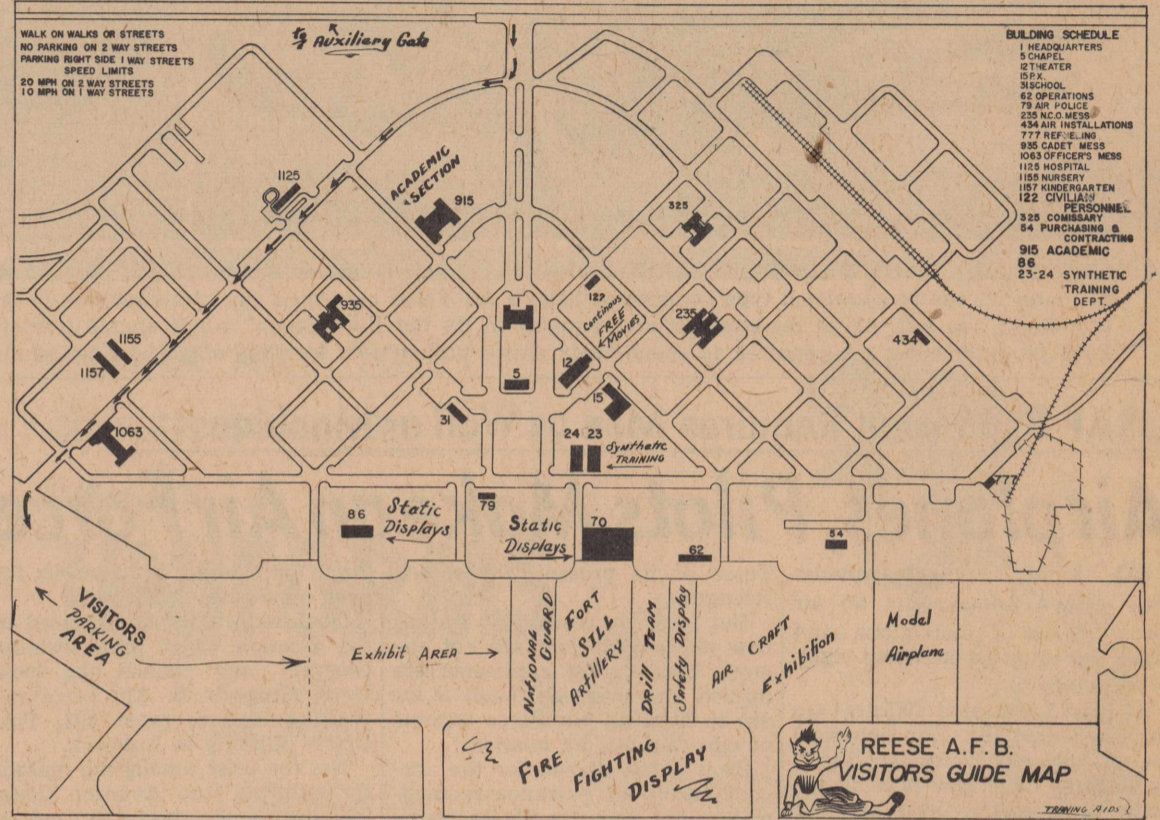
Tonight at 9:00, ABC will air a special Armed Force Day address featuring high-ranking personalities of both military and civilian ends of the services.  
JACK.

## Traffic a Problem; Need Driver's Help

Reese Air Policemen will have their hands full today with over 5,000 civilian passenger vehicles driving in, parking on and driving out of the base.

Capt. Howard J. Schulein, AP commander, has requested that visitors give the AP's the fullest co-operation in their task of directing the streams of traffic. Every effort will be made to insure that efficient traffic will be conducted, the officer said, but only with the aid of Reese's guests can the Air Police do this time-consuming task to the fullest of their extent.

Visitors today can actually operate some of the equipment used here in the training of Air Force pilots. The automatic trainers in the synthetic trainer department, buildings T-23 and T-25, may be flown by guests, officials announced, and radio equipment used in the flight planning problem room may be inspected and tried. Reese personnel will be on hand at all the displays to explain their function to visitors.



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