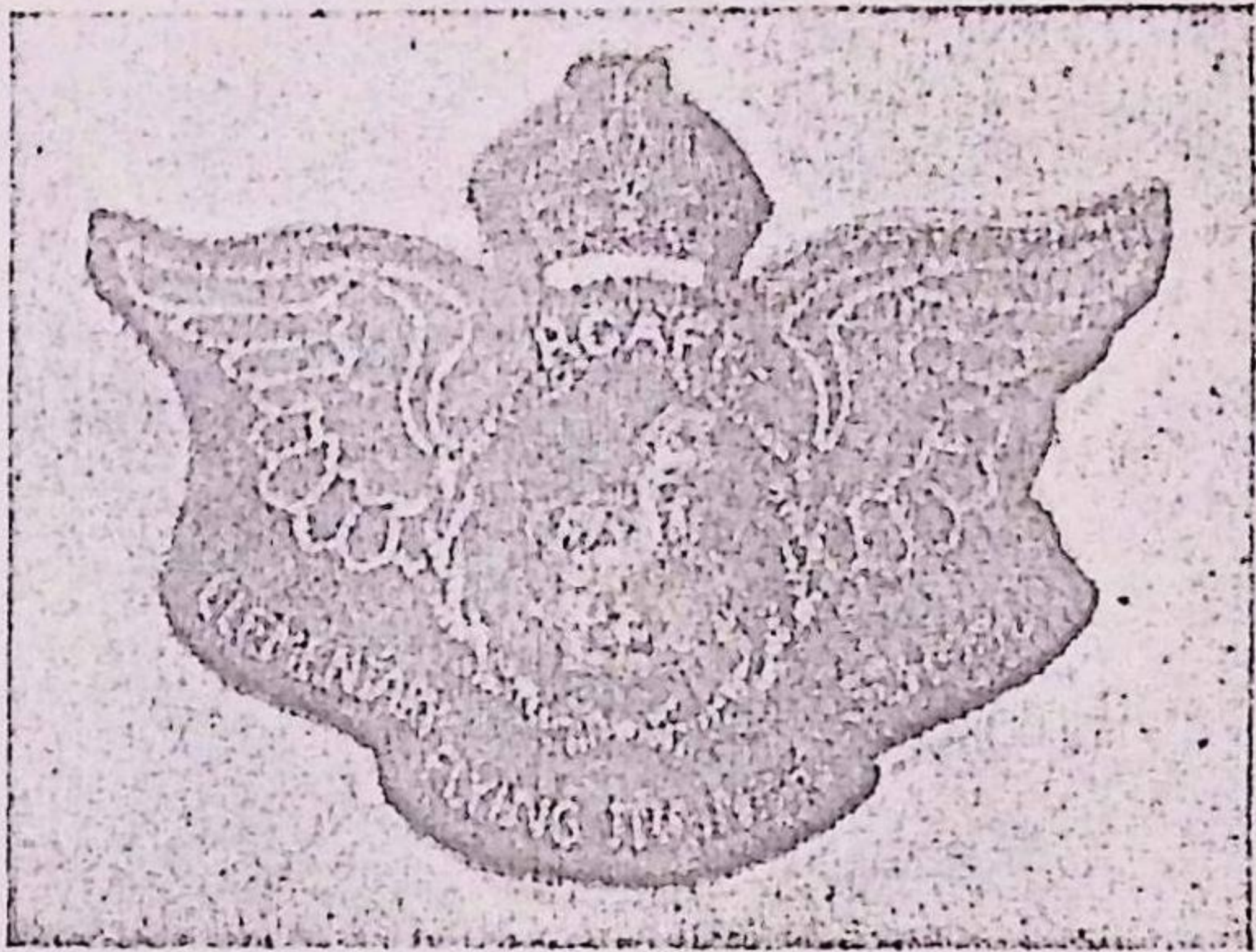


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## FARMER'S DAY

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Wednesday, October 13, 1943

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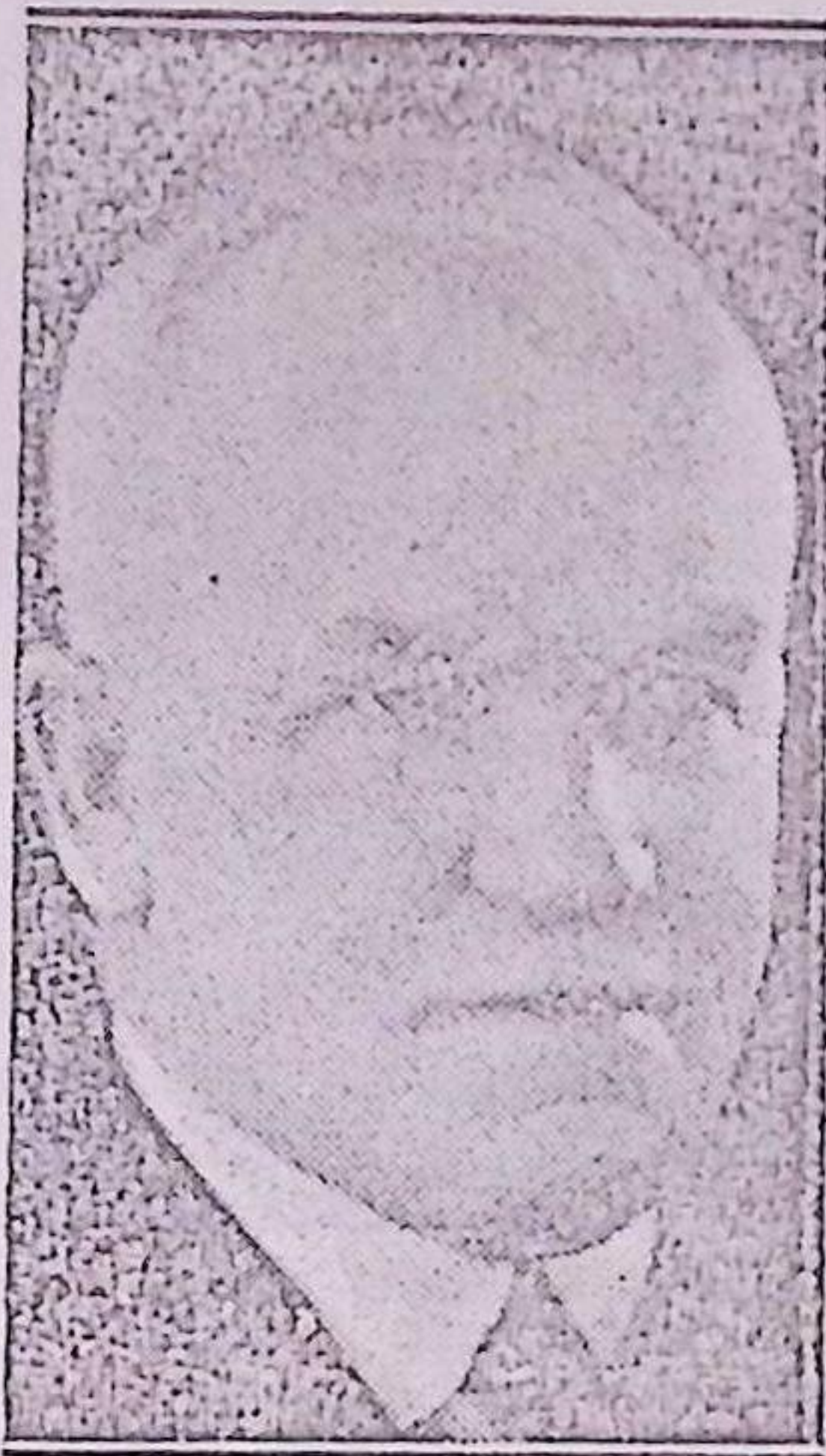
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## GREETINGS FROM THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

It is my pleasure to send greetings to the Commanding Officer and personnel of No. 23 Elementary Flying Training School and to express the hope that "Farmer's Day" at this station will be recognized by the general public as the splendid opportunity it is, for the people of our province to witness an Air Force Station in action.



Strategically situated in the centre of the great plains area of Western Canada, it can be readily recognized that this Service operated Elementary Flying Training School is ideally located to afford its students every opportunity for absorbing the finest training available in the Royal Canadian Air Force to-day.

Both at home and abroad, Saskatchewan is justly proud of the fine record of her sons and daughters; many of whom have won high distinction in this, as well as other wars, and on the home front also. That this Province has been so fortunate as to be able to provide not only hospitality, but an almost perfect location for intensive flying training is a fact in which we as a people take pride.

That success may continue to crown the work of the staff and students of this Service Operated Elementary Flying Training School, and that through theirs and like effort, this present struggle may the more speedily be brought to an end, is the sincerest wish of your Lieutenant Governor.

Archibald P. McNabb.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO No. 23 PERSONNEL

The Davidson Board of Trade and the Town Council join with the citizens of Davidson and district in congratulating the officers and men of No. 23 E.F.T.S., and extend sincere good wishes for the future, both operationally and socially. As representative of the business interests of the Town, the Board expresses appreciation of the patronage received. Members of the Council and the Board have had occasion to contact some officers of No. 23, the resultant discussion being most amicable and courteous, thus exemplifying the spirit of goodwill much desired under the present trying times.

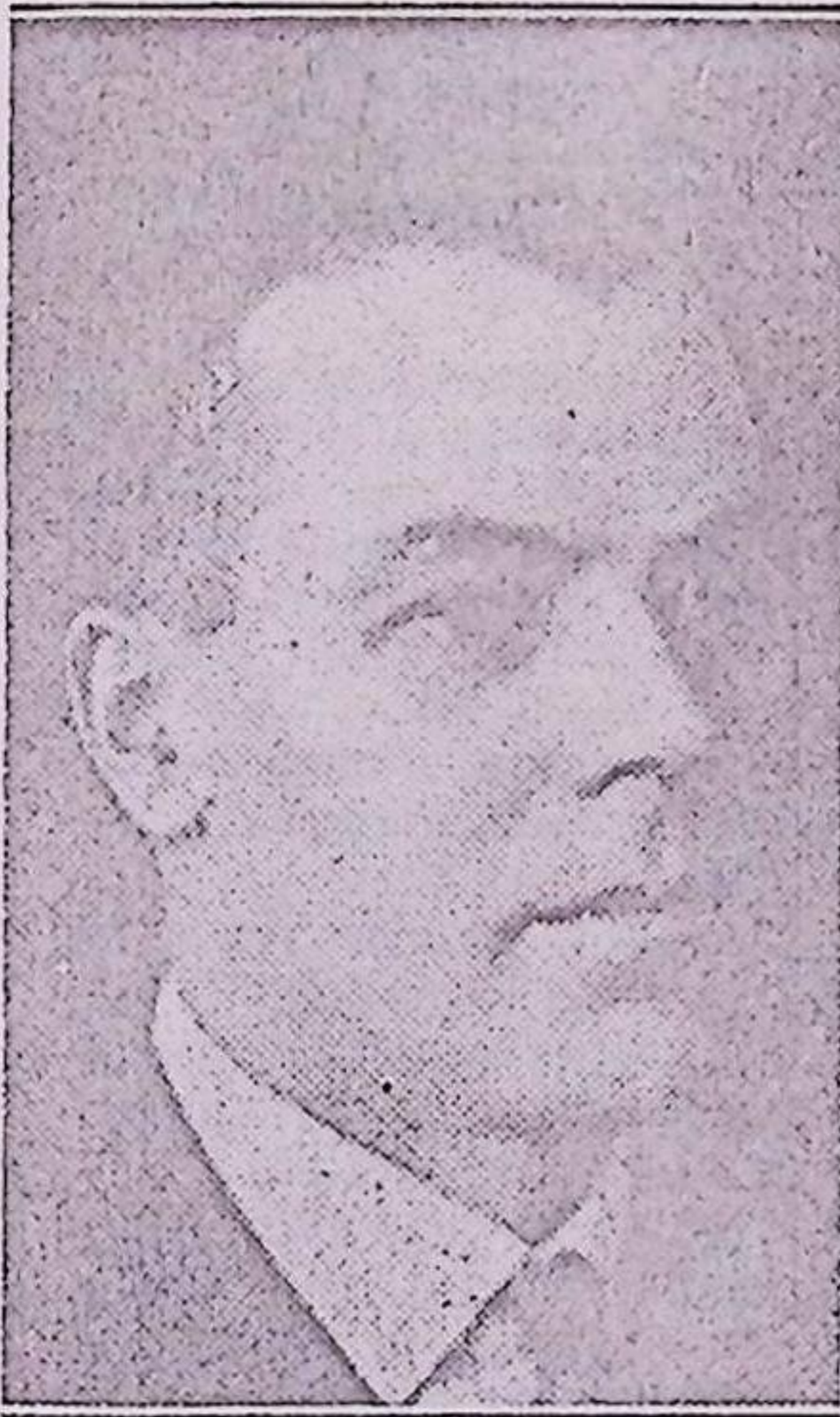
The Town of Davidson.

The Davidson Board of Trade.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

Having already had the opportunity of visiting your fine station, and having observed your training programme, I am pleased to take this opportunity of extending greetings to the Commanding Officer and personnel of No. 23 E.F.T.S..



Although this particular school has been in operation less than a year's time, already many of her graduates are serving in all sectors of the war zone. The high standard of their work is ample evidence of the efficient training they have received at No. 23. Present and future students at the school will undoubtedly maintain the splendid record established by those who preceded them.

Not only Canadians, but all freedom loving people owe a great deal to the men and women of the R.C.A.F. That the vast landing field of our prairies has been selected as the site of so many flying training schools, is a source of pride to our people. That they now have the opportunity of seeing this Service Operated Elementary Flying Training School in action, is a privilege of which they will be eager to avail themselves.

On behalf of the people of the Province of Saskatchewan, therefore, I wish to extend sincere congratulations on your fine contribution to the establishment and maintenance of the high traditions of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

W. J. Patterson, Premier of Saskatchewan

## Committee

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Chairman, Flt. Lt. A. B. Muir; Flt. Lt. G. A. Kelly, Flt. Lt. W. K. Coveney, Flt. Lt. P. D. C. Howes, Flt. Lt. R. J. Shepherd, Flt. Lt. M. O. Thomas, FO. R. R. Barrett, SO. F. E. Pratt, ASO. H. F. Roland.

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A MESSAGE FROM  
AIR VICE-MARSHAL T. A. LAWRENCE

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To the Residents of the community surrounding No.  
23 Elementary Flying School, Davidson,  
and its Guests on the occasion of  
"Farmer's Day" at No. 23 E.F.T.S., Davidson, Sask.

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The presence of a Unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force in your community gives us (I use this term because, since this Elementary School forms part of my Command, I consider myself one of its members) an opportunity to meet you, and you, a like opportunity to meet us.

Only by close co-operation and understanding can a good community spirit be fostered and developed. Co-operation and understanding can be developed only by personal contact and a thorough knowledge of each other's work and makeup.

All ranks of this School are most enthusiastic about their reception in the neighborhood and appreciative of the hospitality they have met with.

This is most gratifying. Today's activities have been arranged so that we can reciprocate in some small way, and at the same time, give you the opportunity of seeing and understanding how we live and train for the greater things to come, within the confines of this School.

It is our whole-hearted desire that you will enjoy this opportunity and that together we may look forward to other such associations.

Air Vice-Marshal T. A. Lawrence,  
Air Officer Commanding,  
No. 2 Training Command, R.C.A.F.



Wing Commander R. F. Gladden,  
Commanding Officer  
No. 23 E.F.T.S.

## WELCOME FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

### To Our Guests:

It is with a great deal of pride that we display our Station and our equipment to so many of our friends of this district.

We, as members of the Royal Canadian Air Force, are extremely proud of the Service in which we serve and take a great deal of pleasure in giving you first hand information on the various daily activities which we enjoy.

We have opened the gates to various organizations on numerous occasions but, due to the important task of producing foods for the conduct of the war, personnel engaged in the farming industry have been unable to take previous advantage of our hospitality. Therefore this opportunity is afforded you in order that you may inspect living, working and recreational conditions on an Air Force Station. Your sons and daughters on other stations in Canada are carrying out their duties in similar environment. You can assist in maintaining this standard by participation in the Fifth Victory Loan. Those of you who are about to join the Armed Forces, will find special interest in the great variation of trades offered by the Royal Canadian Air Force.

To all may I point out the excellent job the Women's Division is doing and the increasing need for more young women in order that men may fly.

On behalf of the Staff of No. 23 E.F.T.S., we extend a hearty welcome and hope you enjoy your visit as much as we enjoy your company.

R. F. Gladden, Wing Commander,  
Commanding Officer,  
No. 23 Elementary Flying Training School,  
R.C.A.F., Davidson, Sask.



The Davidson Cinema wishes the  
Officers and men of No. 23 E.F.T.S.  
every success.           :           :           :



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# PROGRAMME

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1. Welcome from the C. O.
2. Tour of Station, see pages 11, 15, 17 and 19.
3. 2:30 p.m., Children's Movies in the recreation hall (This programme provided by the merchants of The town of Davidson.)
4. 3:30 p.m., Aerial Display—in front of Hangars.
5. 5:30 p.m., Ceremonial Drill and Ensign Lowering Parade. By kind permission of Wing Cmdr. L. C. Russell, M.C. the band of No. 7 I.T.S. will be in attendance at this parade. It will be inspected by His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan; Air Vice-Marshal T. A. Lawrence, officer Commanding No. 2 T.C. and Wing Cmdr. R. F. Gladden, Commanding Officer of No. 23 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.
6. 4:30 p.m., Supper in Other Ranks Mess. Tickets for supper may be procured at the Drill Hall. Admission, adults and children over ten years of age, 35 cents.
7. 7:00 p.m., Feature Film in the Recreation Hall.
8. 9:00 p.m., Free dance and games in the Drill Hall.

**"LADIES' REST ROOM IN O.R. CANTEEN"**

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The R.C.A.F. wishes to express sincere appreciation to all individuals and organizations who in any way have contributed towards the success of "Farmer's Day".

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## DETAILS OF CONDUCTED TOUR BY SECTIONS

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### 1. FIRE HALL

This vitally important section is responsible for the safety of all personnel and equipment against fire. Our firemen have available for use the most modern fire-fighting equipment and they pride themselves on the efficiency and speed with which they respond to an alarm from any one of the eight alarm boxes located at strategic points throughout the camp. A practical demonstration of their efforts will take place immediately before the aerial display in front of the hangars.

### 2. HEADQUARTERS

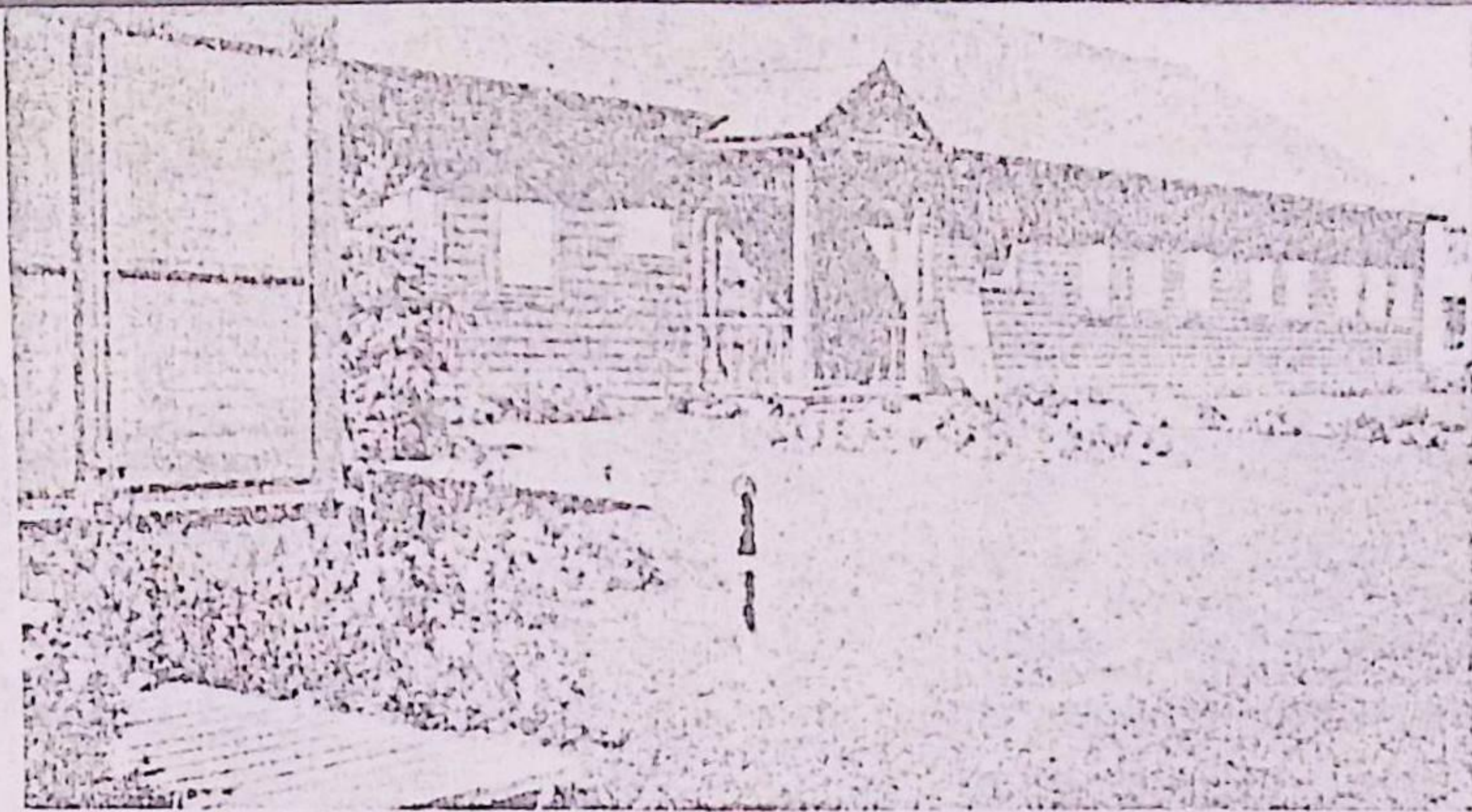
Headquarters is the centre of all administrative and financial activity on the station. It is here that complete records of all incoming and outgoing personnel are kept. These include such vital statistics as promotions, postings, marriages, deaths, births and all other details concerning the careers of individuals in the Service. From his office, strategically located in the Headquarters Building, the Commanding Officer is able to keep in constant and close touch with all matters of both routine and unusual nature throughout the station.

### 3. GROUND INSTRUCTION SCHOOL

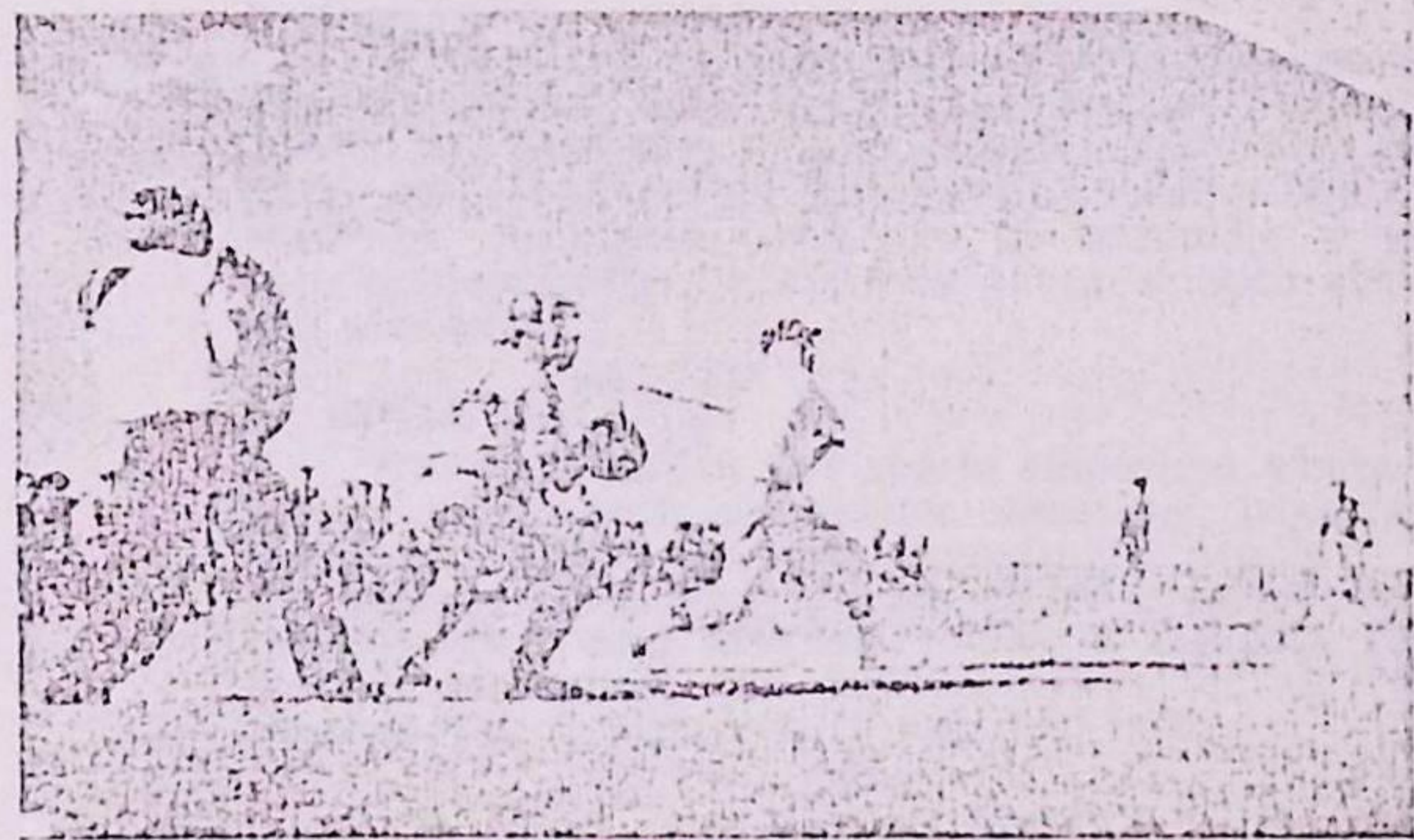
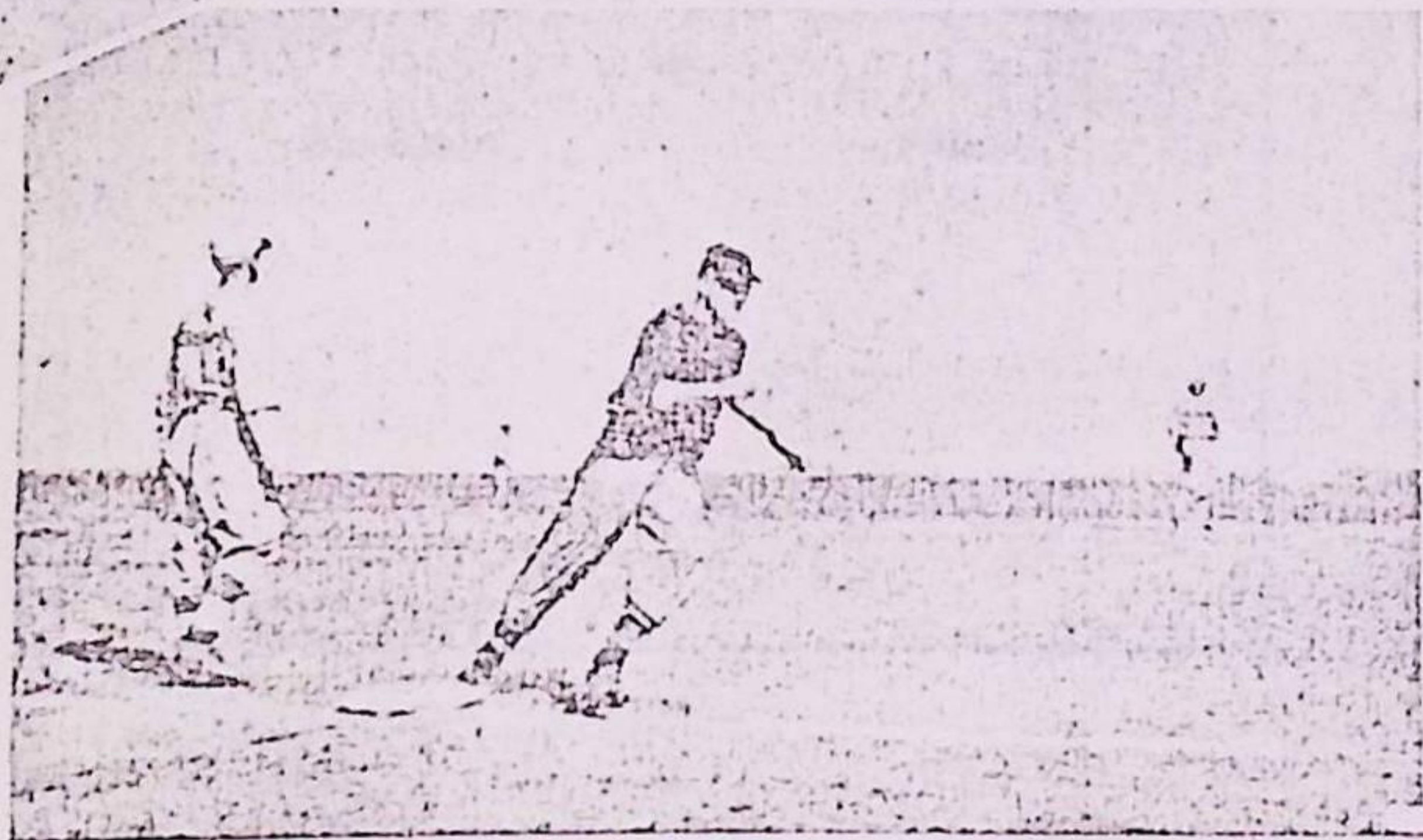
The Ground Instruction School (G.I.S. to the Airmen) is the place the Pilot trainees receive instruction in such subjects as navigation, aircraft recognition and signals. These ground school subjects play a very important part in qualifying a pilot for flying duties.

### 4. MOTOR TRANSPORT

The motor transport section has the responsibility of driving and maintaining all ground vehicles, e.g., trucks, automobiles, station wagons, etc. All incoming and outgoing personnel and equipment are transported by this section, where someone is always on duty, day and night.



THE  
CHANGING SEASONS  
AT No. 23, E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F., DAVIDSON



# Greetings

to

No. 23 E.F.T.S., R.C.A.F.

. . . from . . .

**W. A. SPEEDIE**

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of the district with clothing.



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## 5. HOSPITAL

As you will see, this is a modern equipped 25-bed hospital with two doctors on duty to attend to the medical needs of all personnel on the strength of the station. Regular sick parades are held twice daily and airmen and airwomen may have a general physical check-up or a particular ailment looked after by the best means that professional practice can provide.

## 6. 25 YARD RANGE

Here is the well protected area where all trainees take their firing practice. Browning machine guns and rifles are in constant use here, as everyone is anxious to improve his accuracy.

## 7. RECREATION HALL

In that it houses two up-to-date 35 mm. movie projectors, where the latest Hollywood films are shown four nights a week, the recreation hall is our pride and joy. To attend to the many and diversified needs of the airman and airwoman, the Y.M.C.A. officer has his office located here. It is in this hall also that many station dances and entertainment of a varied nature such as sing-songs, music appreciation hours, etc. are also held.

## 8. CANTEEN

It is in the canteen that soft drinks, chocolate bars, cigarettes, soap, tooth-paste and all the other incidentals necessary to an airman's comfort are sold. Here also are located comfortable chesterfields, a wurlitzer, magazines, etc. It is, naturally a very popular rendezvous for off-duty hours for both airmen and airwomen.

## 9. DRILL HALL

The drill hall is our sports emporium where all indoor games such as boxing, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, badminton are exceedingly popular. At the present time, lean-to's are under construction to house shower and dressing rooms, a common room for our airwomen, and bowling alleys for all. The skating rink is adjacent to our drill hall.

GREETINGS

to No. 23 E.F.T.S. Davidson

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## 10 OTHER RANK'S MESS

This is the place where all of the rank of corporal and below eat their meals. Scores of meals planned and supervised by a graduate dietitian are served here daily. The mess is fitted out with the most modern equipment, such as automatic dishwashers, sterilizers, soup and steam kettles, etc. The mess hall has been attractively decorated and windows and walls are hung with curtains and pictures which are reproductions of paintings by famous Canadian artists.

## 11. AIRMEN'S AND AIRWOMEN'S BARRACK BLOCKS

Sleeping accommodation is provided for airmen and airwomen in separate blocks, all built according to a common plan. These are fitted out with double decker beds and individual locker accommodation. The buildings are steam heated and equipped with modern plumbing and laundry facilities.

## 12. LINK TRAINER

The link trainer is a modern training device to assist the airman to perfect his instrument flying. It simulates actual flying conditions and by means of an automatic graph record, affords the instructor an accurate picture of the airman's flying faults. From this record the instructor is enabled to give the airman more detailed instruction as to ways and means of perfecting his technique.

## 13. MAINTENANCE

This is the section which is responsible for maintaining the efficiency of all the aircraft on the station. It is here that spark plugs are tested, engines overhauled, damaged wings and propellers repaired. Before taking to the air, every detail of the mechanism and the body of the aircraft must be checked and rechecked. The maintenance boys and girls are the unsung heroes who keep the aircraft serviceable.

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## 14. PARACHUTE SECTION

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### PARACHUTE JUMP

One of the features of the afternoon will be a parachute jump by Nicholas Szun of No. 34 E.F.T.S., Assiniboia, Sask. Mr. Szun has already made 145 parachute descents and here at No. 23 E.F.T.S., by kind permission of Mr. C. W. Nicholl, O.B.E., manager No. 34 E.F.T.S., he will again descend from an aircraft to thrill the throngs of people, who will be present at the station on "Farmer's Day".

## 15. VICTORY GARDEN

During the summer months, a 9½ acre Victory garden was cultivated and as a result, personnel enjoyed home-grown vegetables throughout the season. Flower gardens, also, were cultivated by the various sections, among which there was keen competition for the station award for the best garden. This was won by the motor transport section. In the station green house, located at the back of the fire hall, many lovely flowers have been grown, the carnations particularly, being outstanding for their size and coloring.

We wish to extend our compliments  
to the officers and men of No. 23, E.F.  
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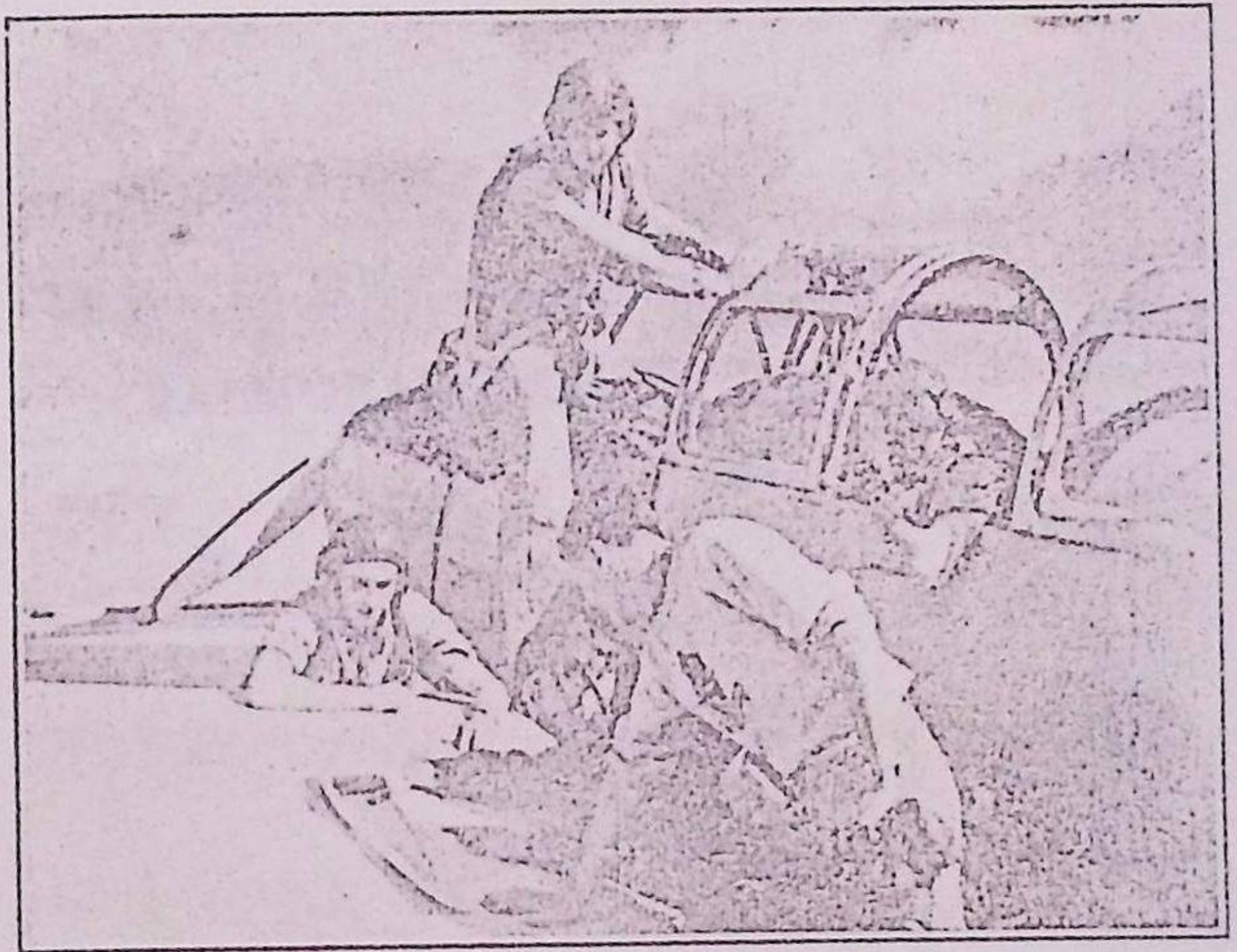
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