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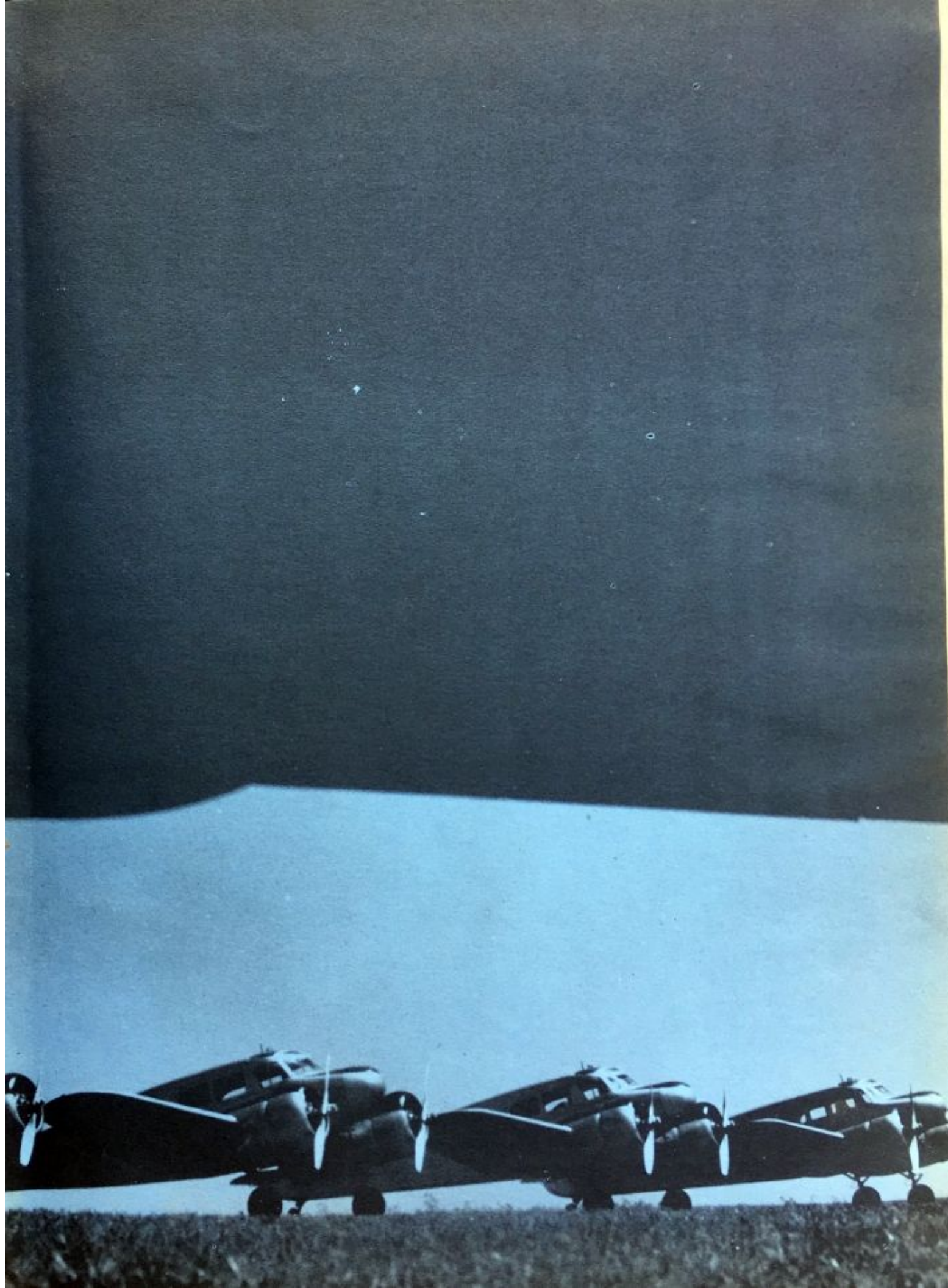


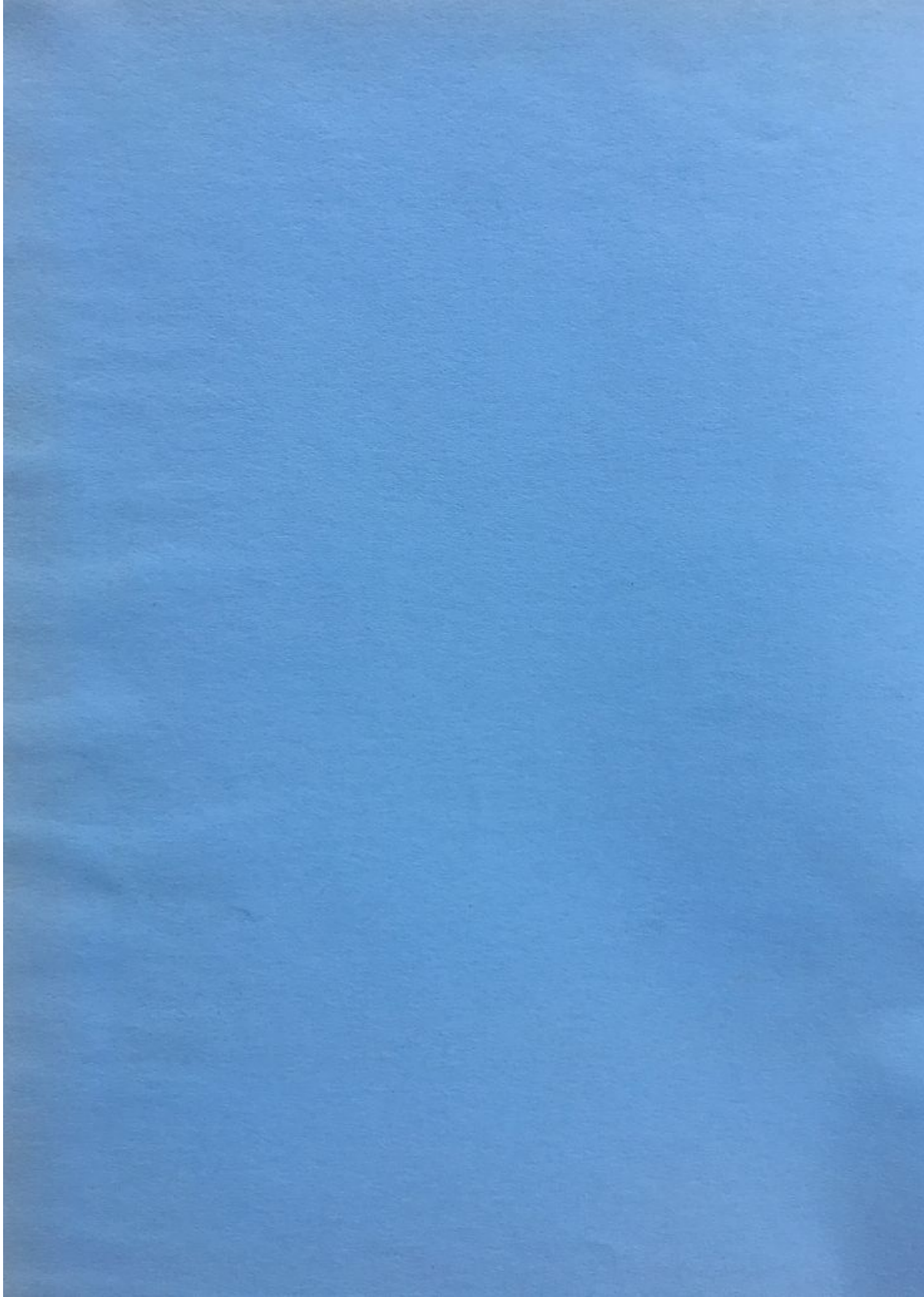
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Credo

My President's death stunned me like the jolt of a dropped-in landing, left me gasping in half-belief like the sensation of a violent stall. My thoughts raced, wondering, wondering—attempting to comprehend the magnitude of the tragedy, attempting to estimate the danger to that permanent Peace I am flying to win, remembering gravely the disaster of the loss of Lincoln at a time of corollary climax and crisis. I've known the stakes for which I will, if necessary, trade my life in battle. And now I know I would just as surely give my life if Roosevelt could yet live.

But the man is dead; a symbol of vision and courage, a sure beacon past the shoals and reefs of futile War and embezzled Peace is gone; and I, like millions of thoughtful men the world around, am shocked by the almost Sophoclean twist of fate.

As a soldier, I must stoically accept the death in battle of a fellow fighting man. But henceforward, though his example, the world of Peace that men envision and reach out for will have another even more fervent apostle—I so dedicate myself—and my thoughts and my words and my deeds. I will soon be flying a vengeance airship against Japan, and that will be part of it. But more; after the Surrender, I will work for the new Peace among nations by new purposeful example and passionate persuasion. My persistent voice will join others against the clamoring and wrangling of grasping men and nations in the key decades to follow. I will strive more fiercely, I will think more clearly, I will speak more eloquently against stupidity and avarice—in the name of my great President I so dedicate myself.

FOREWORD

As the last class to graduate from MAAF during the current training program, we of Class 45-C are beginning to realize the infinite purpose behind the phrase—WE WON OUR WINGS. We begin to understand the true significance of COURAGE, WISDOM, and HONOR, which characterize the great pilots who have preceded us. Pilots who have given their lives to insure safer and better flying for we fledglings who will follow. Our period of training, though strenuous, has been composed of many happy experiences. In this book we have endeavored to capture as a lasting memory some of those happier moments. We trust that through this record we shall more fully realize the responsibility which is ours--the FUTURE OF AMERICA AND ITS WELFARE.

KA-DET KA-PERS

by
KALH
IN W
SHAW



"WELL - LOOK'S LIKE FLIGHT 'A' EATS FIRST TODAY"



BEEN HERE LONG?



CONFOUND IT MAN - HAVE YOU /
NO RESPECT FOR TACH. OFFICERS

DEDICATION

To the Mothers and Dads, Wives and Sweethearts who have stood behind us during the past months—always believing that the day would come when we would be sent out with our Wings to perform a mission for God, Country, and to protect our loved ones at home. May we be able to live up to all their hopes and wishes.

This book is for them.

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GROUND SCHOOL

Now let's see, put the plotter on top a thunderhead, the gimbal ring goes around—no that's an F4U. Or was that an E6B on an inverter—but of course, that is just sometimes.

- This place doesn't effect me—effect me—effect me—effect me—effect me—???

But regardless of what some may think, we have gained much knowledge from the hours spent here. With thanks to Captain Meyers' fine supervision, and the work of his competent staff.

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CHAPEL

Standing out from all buildings of our post, the Chapel brings many thoughts to our mind. Through the guidance of God we have completed another step towards our attainment of a world of freedom, we ask that He will lead us to that goal. Unforgotten are the services rendered and the atmosphere created by the Chaplains here.

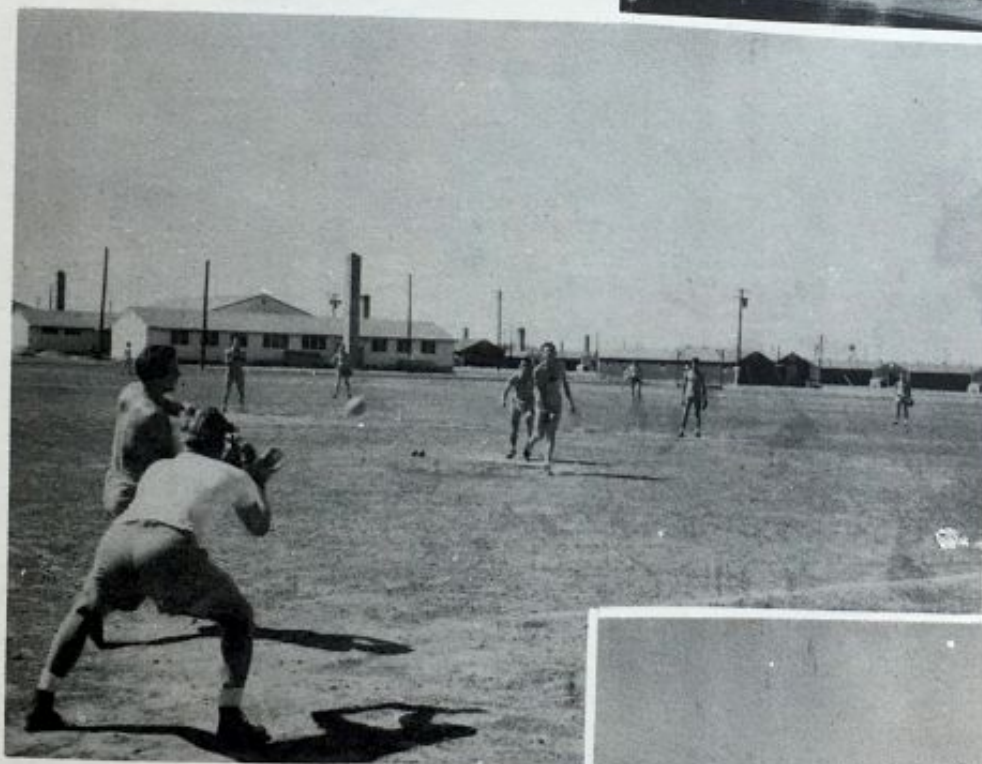
PHYSICAL TRAINING

P. T.

Along with everything else, there comes our daily physical training with its good and bad points. (Has anyone seen any good points about it.) Seriously, the instructors have done a good job, and we under them realize they helped to build our bodies for the program that lies ahead.



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THE STOOGES

I'm the co-pilot, I sit on the right;
I'm not important, just part of the flight.
I never talk back lest I have regrets,
But I have to remember what the pilot forgets.

I make out the flight plan and study the weather,
Pull up the gear and stand by to feather;
Make out the forms and do the reporting,
And fly the old crate when the pilot's a-courting.

I take the readings, adjust the power,
Handle the flaps and call the tower;

Tell him where we are on the darkest night,
And do all the book work without any lights.

I call for my pilot and buy him cokes,
I always laugh at his corny jokes,
And once in a while when his landings are rusty,
I come through with, "Gawd, but it's gusty!"

All in all I'm a general stooge
As I sit on the right with the man I call Scrooge.
I guess you think that is past understanding
But maybe some day he will give me a landing.

—ANONYMOUS



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THE FLYING WHALES

Here are new creatures for your bestiary:
These strange steel fish that swarm the seas of space
In strict protective shoal, slow-witted, wary
Behemoths moving with a monster grace.
Clouds are their coral and the land that lies
Five thousand fathoms down and drowned in mist
Is but the lost Atlantis of the skies,
A poisoned plain of pearl and amethyst.

Their giant hearts will not survive a spring
Too temperate for such primeval rage.
Yet men of some millennium may sing
Of golden legends in an armored age
And chronicle, when cataclysms cease,
These prehistoric harbingers of peace.

—CAPT. DAVID F. PARRY, AAF



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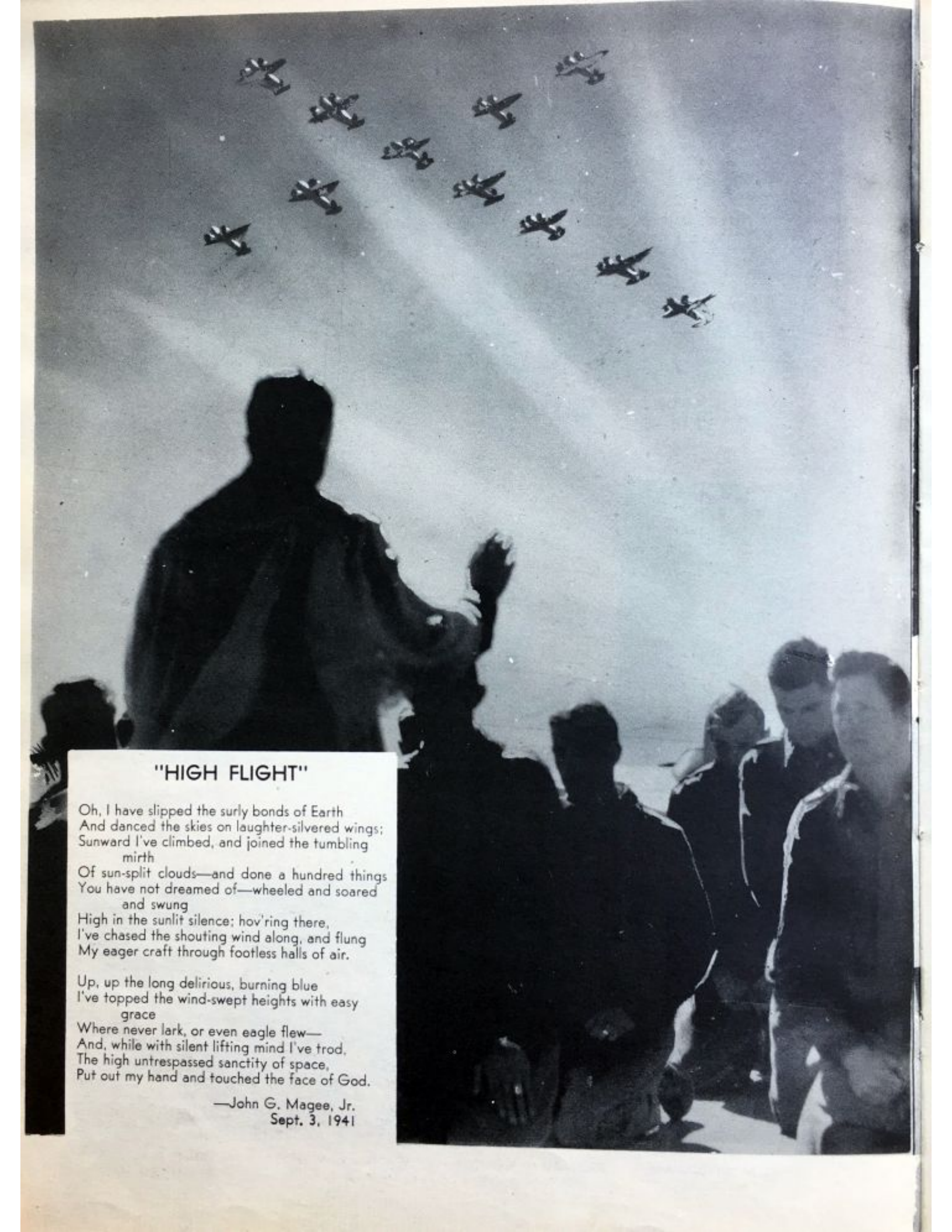
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"HIGH FLIGHT"

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling
mirth

Of sun-split clouds—and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of—wheeled and soared
and swung

High in the sunlit silence; hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.

Up, up the long delirious, burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy
grace

Where never lark, or even eagle flew—
And, while with silent lifting mind I've trod,
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

—John G. Magee, Jr.
Sept. 3, 1941

















TEXAS

It was once I was happy
My life was filled with cheer
I had never been to Texas
Til the army sent me here.

I've heard songs of her beauty
Pretty girls and big strong men
Rolling plains, majestic mountains.
Just a heaven from end to end.

The one thing that is certain
Of this there's no denying
The guy that spread those rumors
Did a hell of a lot of lying.

Deep in the heart of Texas
Where sand is all we eat,
The girls are all bow-legged
The boys all have flat feet.

That's why they have to send us here
To sit in sad dejection
Out on a lonely desert
For this state's protection.

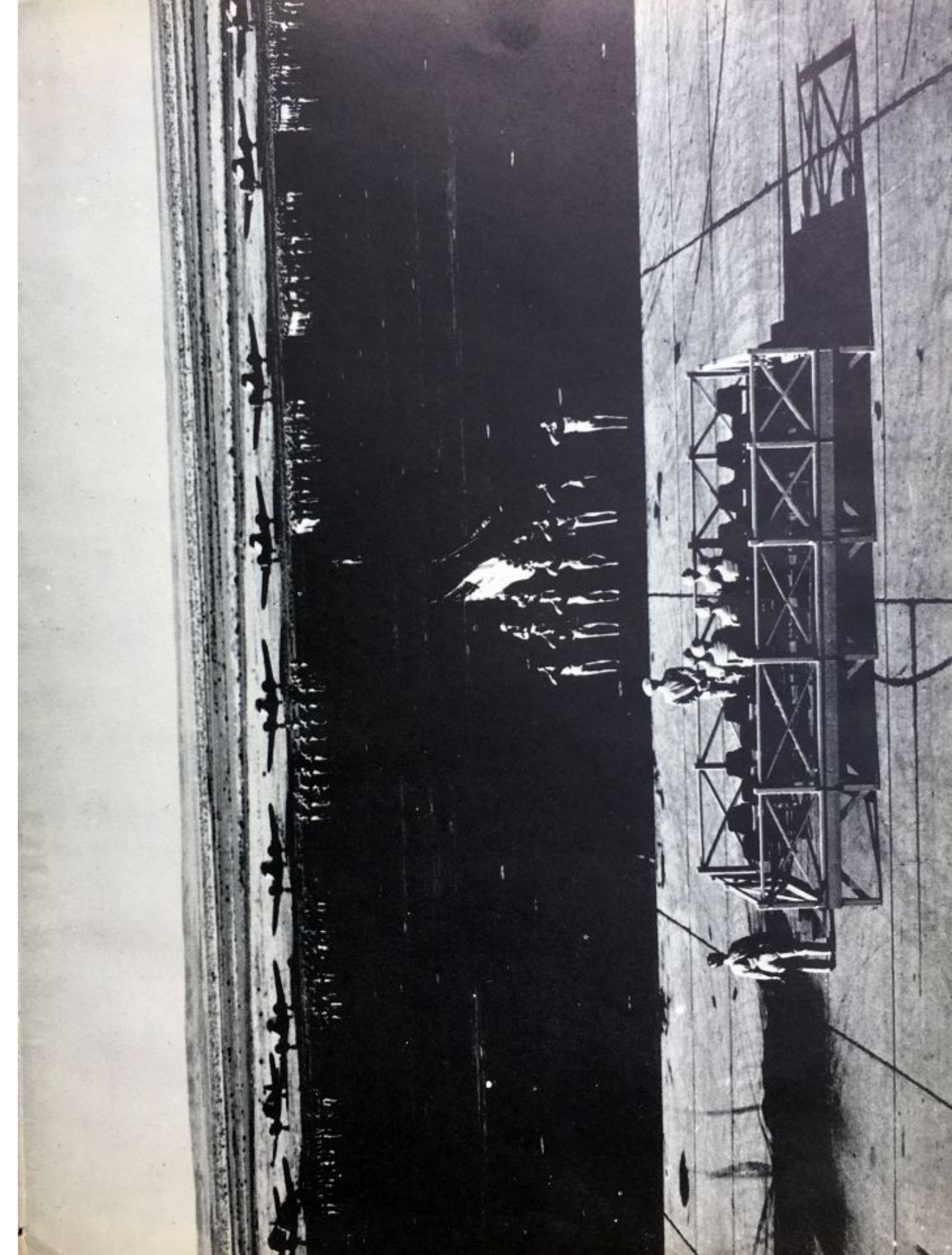
No longer have we religion
We drink, we fight, we curse
No worry about going to hell
It can't be any worse.

Down here the sun is hotter
Down here the rain is wetter
They think this is the best state
But there's forty-seven better.

But there's no one to blame but me
The army never forgot it
I asked for foreign service
And believe me, Boy, I got it.







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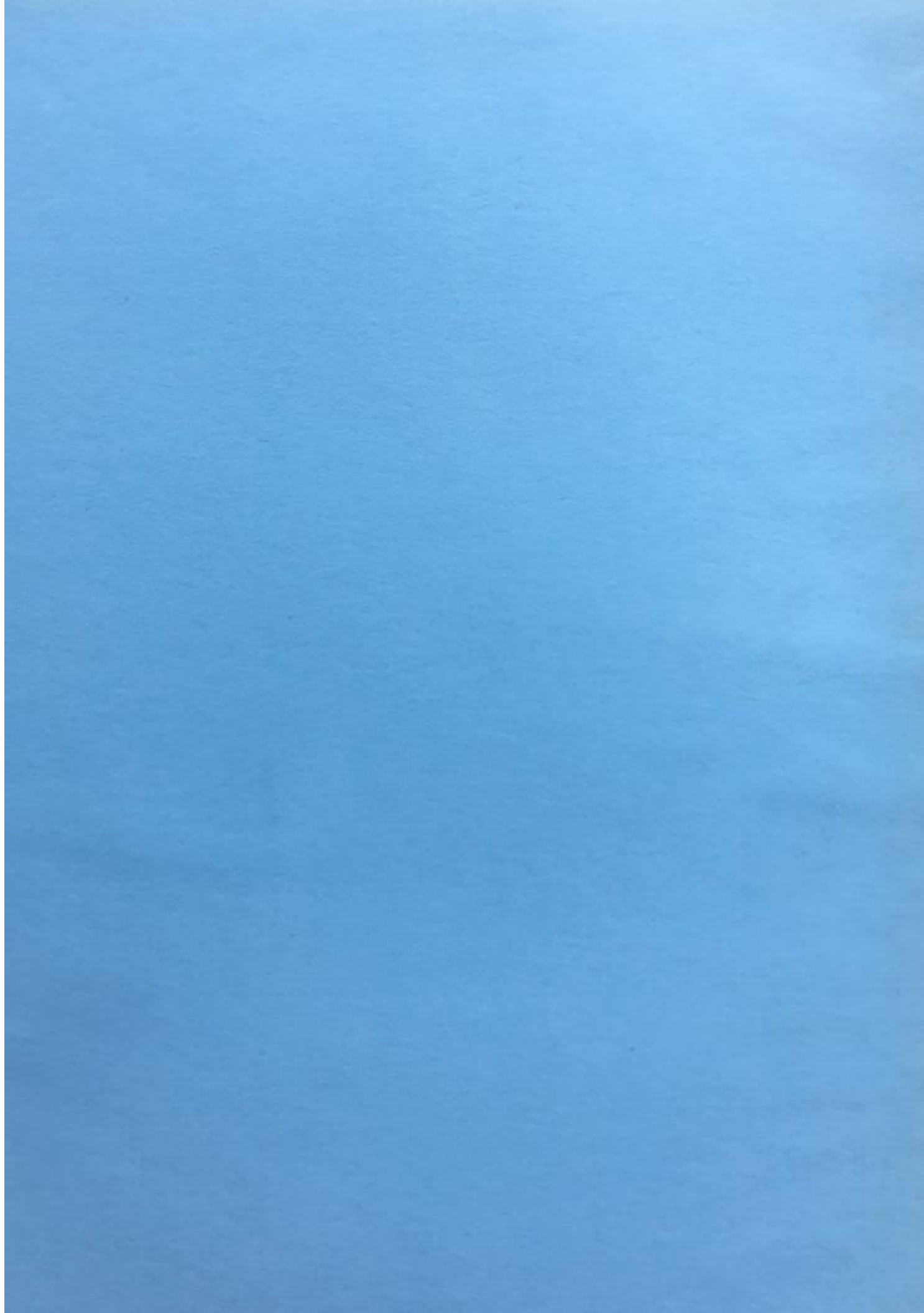
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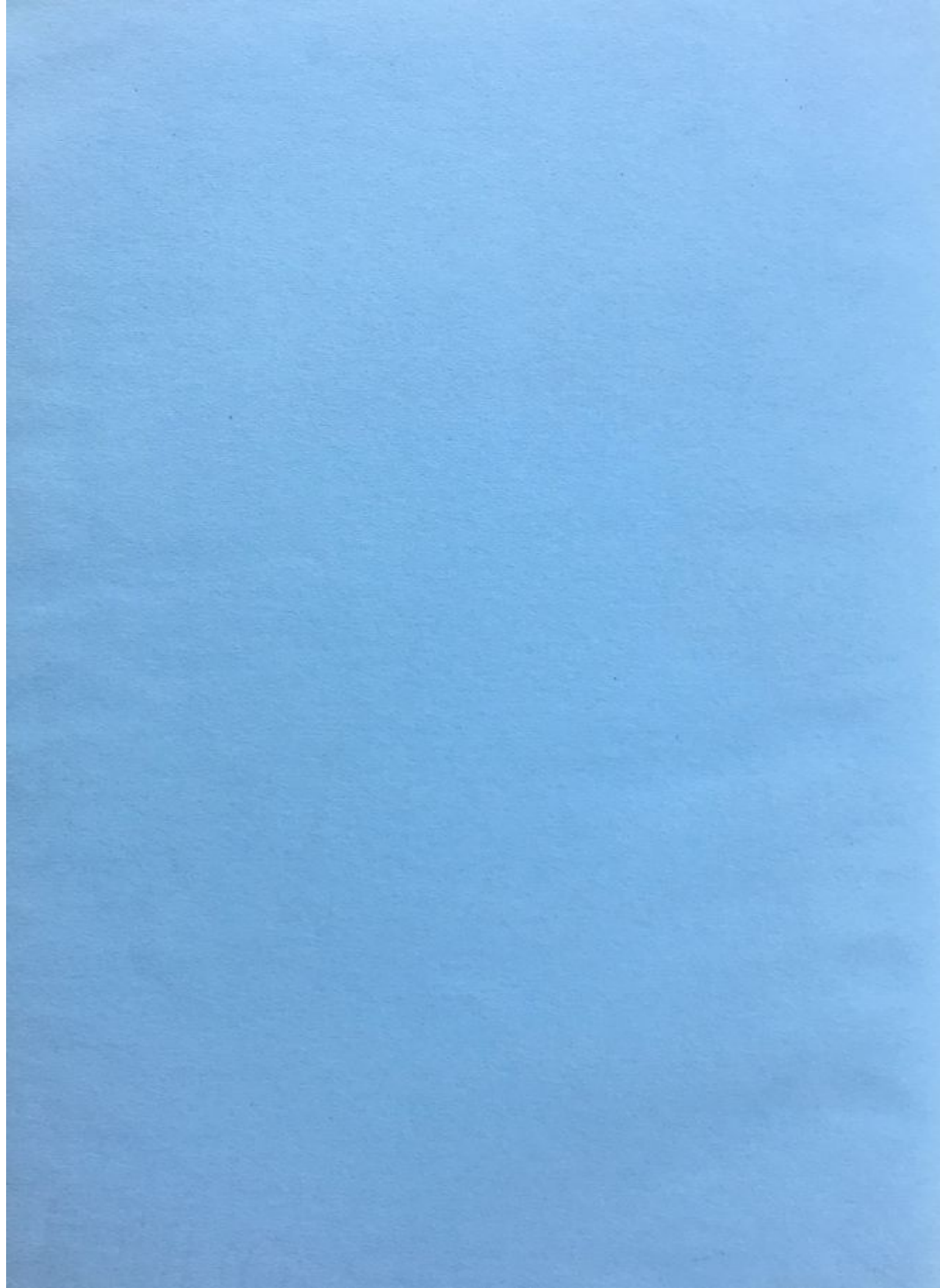


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