

GUNTER FIELD

ALABAMA

ARMY AIR FORCES BASIC FLYING SCHOOL



Reveille . . .

Gunter Field was the first basic flying school activated in the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center. The field, coming into being on August 27, 1940, was named in honor of William Adams Gunter, Mayor of Montgomery, Alabama, for 27 years. It was through his patriotism and interest in military aviation that the municipal airport was turned over to the Army Air Forces for use as a military post.

The first class of aviation cadets reported for basic training on November 28, 1940, Five weeks after this first class, the second class began their training in the basic phases of flying. Ever since that time, at five week intervals, aviation cadets have entered Gunter's gates, received their training, and graduated into advanced flying schools, from there to win their wings.

On the following pages you will see Gunter Field as it appears today . . . its men, its planes, its buildings. You will see pilots and cadets in the skies, men preparing for combat. You will see mechanics, the men behind the man in the sky. You will see soldiers at work, at play, living in their Army home, fulfilling their patriotic duty, preparing themselves and others for battle in the clouds.





Col. Winn, Commanding



"Off We Go"





"Wings for the Eagle"



"THEY ALSO SERVE"

Physical Training





SPORTS





"OFF DUTY"





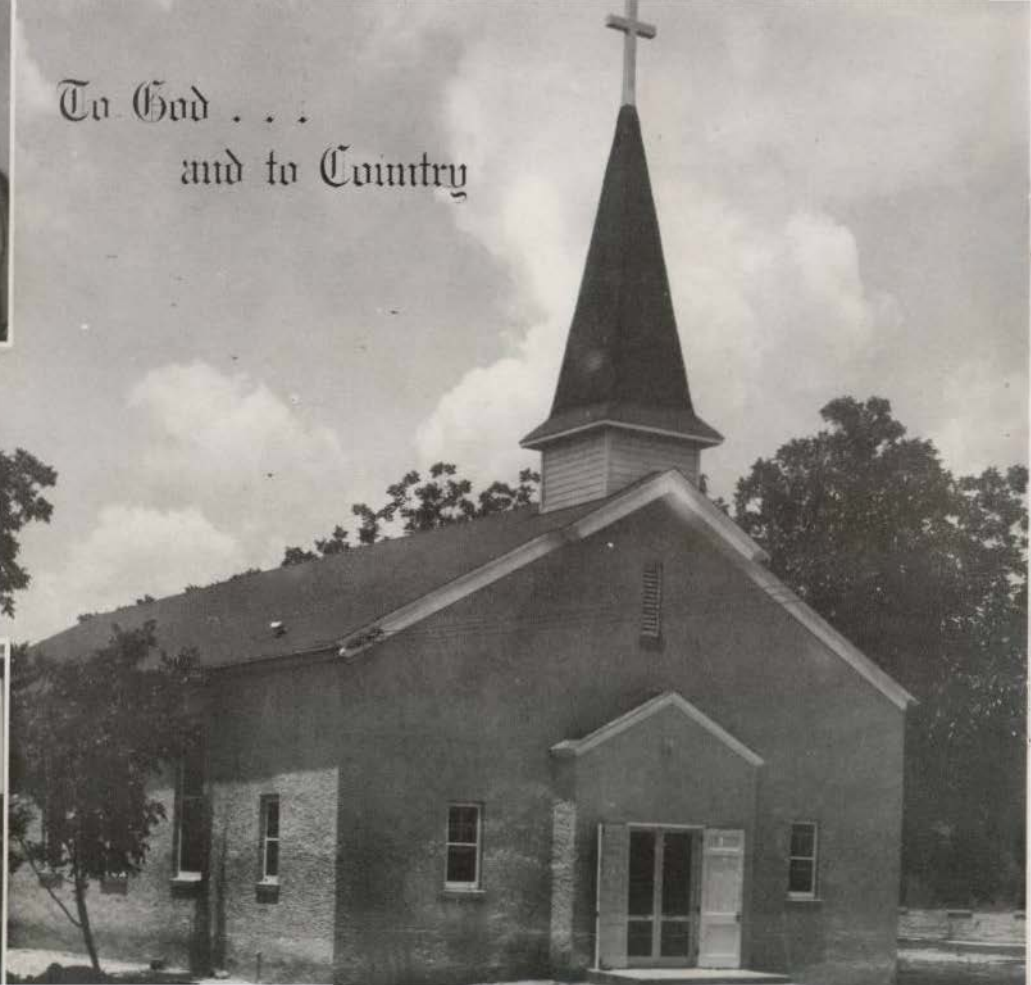
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"POST THEATER"



To God . . .
and to Country





Post



Exchange







"WAITING"



THE MEDICOS





"Transportation"

UTILITIES

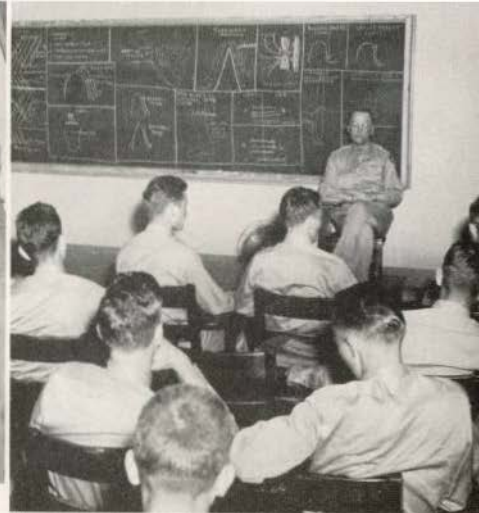


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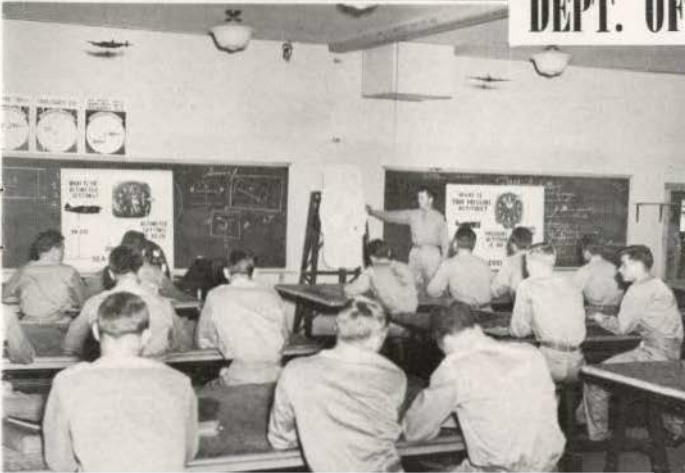


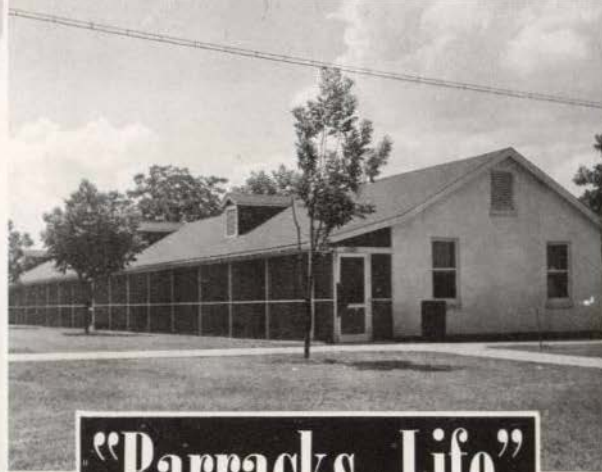
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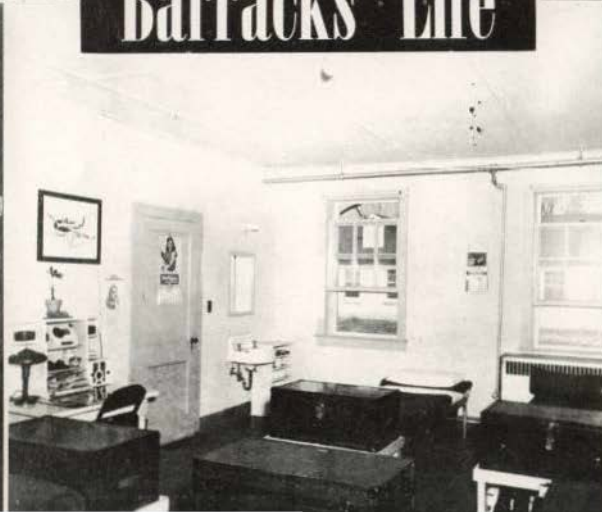


DEPT. OF TRAINING





"Barracks Life"



SPLINTER CITY



Fire Department



FIRE HOUSE



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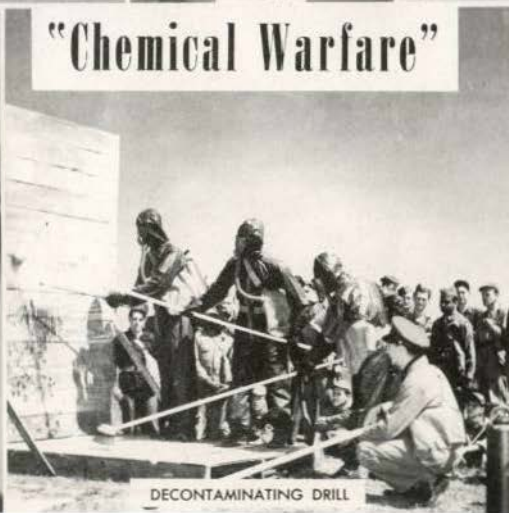


FIRE DRILL



GAS MASK

"Chemical Warfare"



DECONTAMINATING DRILL



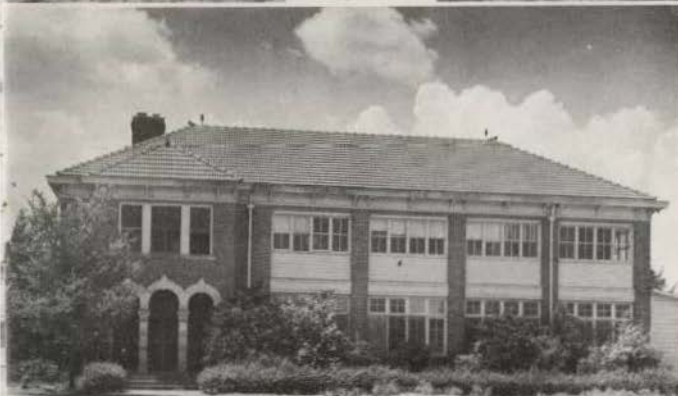
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OFFICERS' CLUB



LIBRARY





SERVICE DESK



PERSONNEL



MESSAGE CENTER



INTELLIGENCE



FINANCE



TECH. INSPECTION



"CHOW"





PARACHUTE DEPARTMENT



BAND



"ORCHESTRA"



CONSTRUCTION



CONSTRUCTION





The Wings of Gunter





Retreat . . .

Gunter Field has just passed before you in pictorial review. You have seen how we, men in the service of our country, live at our Army home. From reveille to taps we are busy in these surroundings, working, each man fulfilling his particular duty, to his commandant, to the Army of the United States, to his country. We, the men of the Army Air Forces, are living up to the motto of the Southeast Army Air Forces Training Center, "PREPARE FOR COMBAT".





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