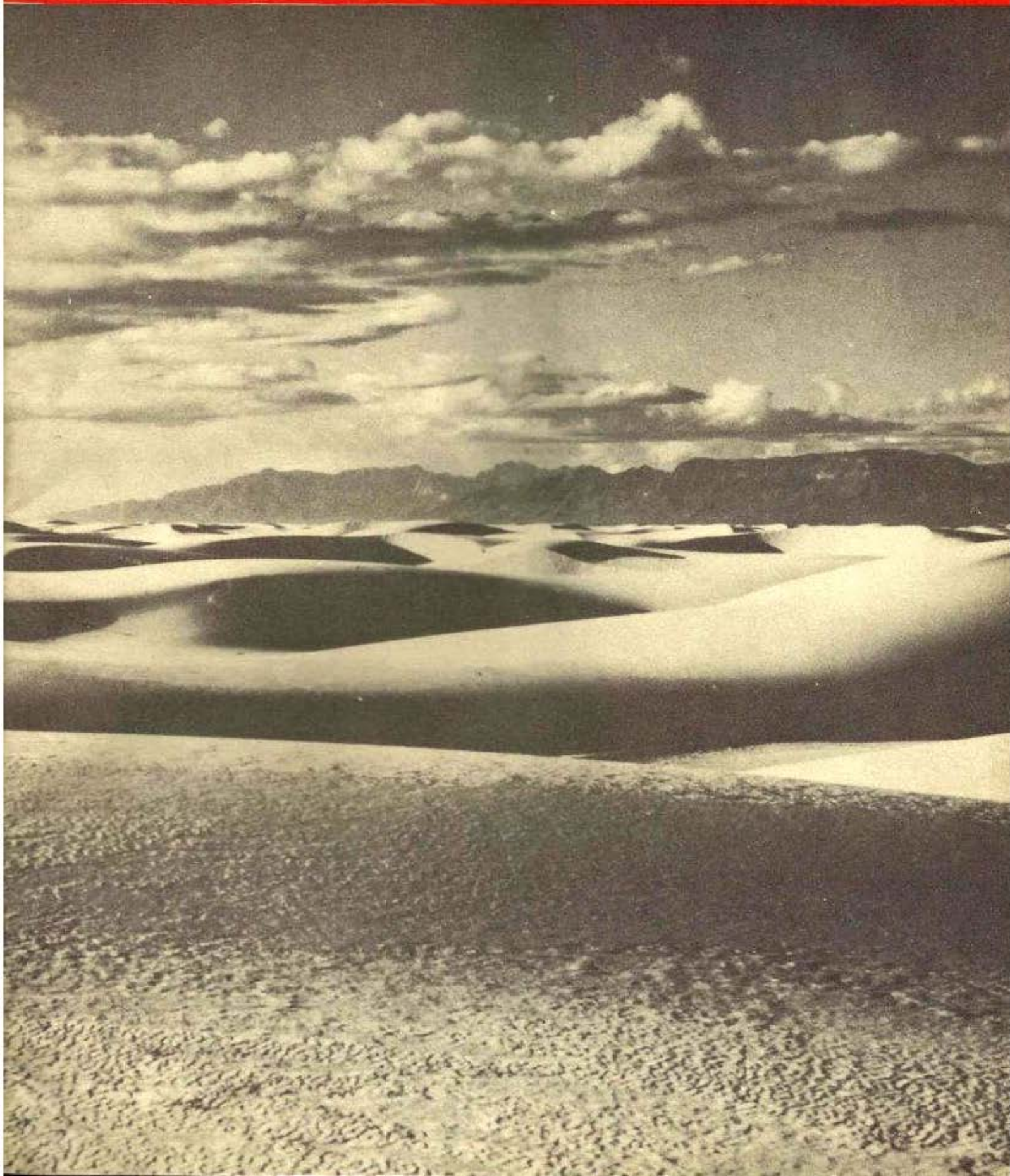


# *Alamogordo Army Air Base*

NEW MEXICO





In the Southern-most part of New Mexico, known as the "Land of Enchantment," lies the Alamogordo Army Air Base. It is situated on an immense table-land, known geologically as the Tularosa Basin, between the Sacramento and San Andres mountain ranges.

Original construction of this Base began in February, 1942. The United States Engineering Office was the first building erected on this barren area, that was soon to become one of the United States Army Air Forces' finest training bases.

On April 9, 1942, thirty enlisted men of the 56th Materiel Squadron, under the command of 1st Lt. FLOYD B. SIEGMUND arrived for a period of temporary duty. These were the pioneers for the men to follow and theirs was a rugged existence.

As the months passed the Base grew into a smooth, efficient running, training center. Here it was that numerous heavy bombardment crews entered and completed their last phases of training before embarking for the various theatres of operation.

In conjunction with this Base is the Bombing and Gunnery Range, which is at the present time the largest of its kind in the United States and the fourth largest in the world. It is sixty miles long and thirty miles wide. Targets are maintained for the bombardiers and gunners of the world's finest heavy bombardment crews. Here they further perfect the precision and techniques that have so painfully been felt by the enemies of freedom-loving men.

The pages of this book graphically portray only a small number of the many training and recreational facilities afforded at the Alamogordo Army Air Base.

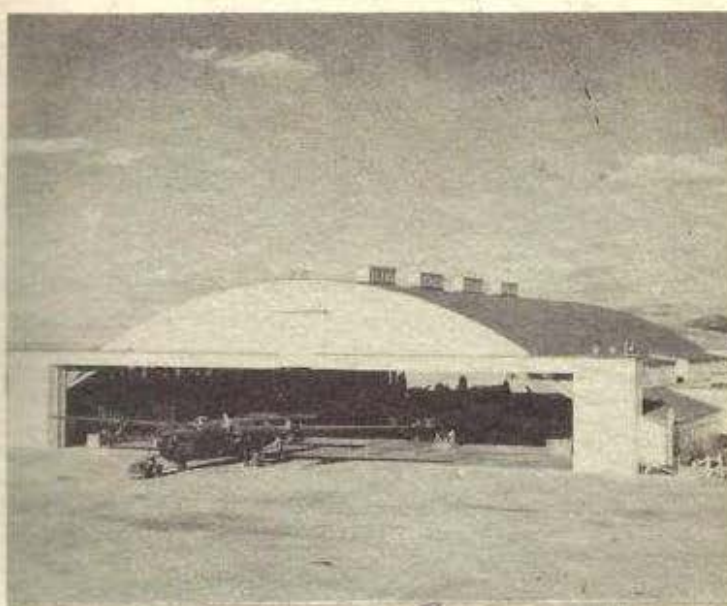
We of the Alamogordo Army Air Base have but one purpose, and that is to continue to train precision heavy bombardment crews so that the forces of evil may forever be stamped from the face of the earth.



Base  
Headquarters



B-24's on Ramp. Old Baldy  
Mountain in Background.



Sub Depot Hangar  
with B-24

Base Library



Base Theatre





Shirley Ross at Alamogordo



Crowded PX

Oasis Lawn

Oasis Swimming Pool





Propellers on Dolly



Radio Room

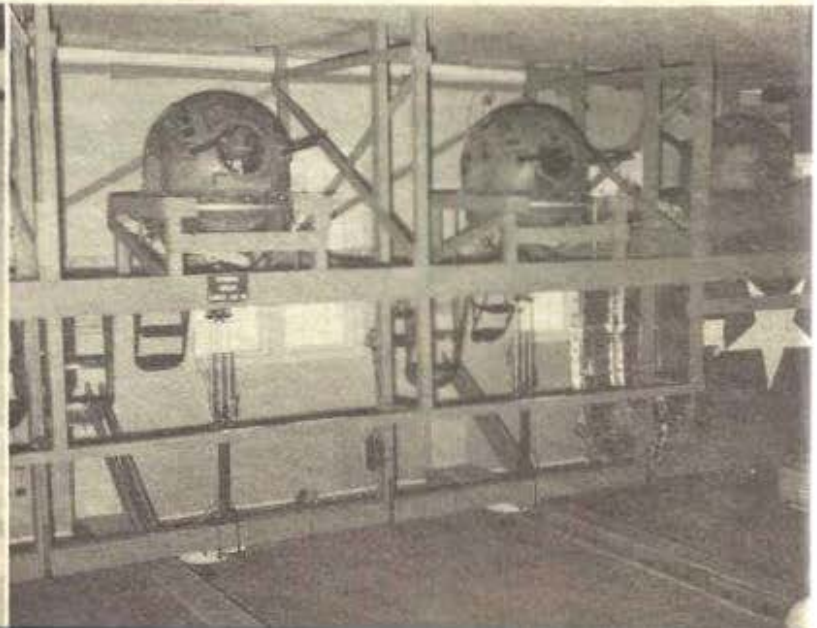
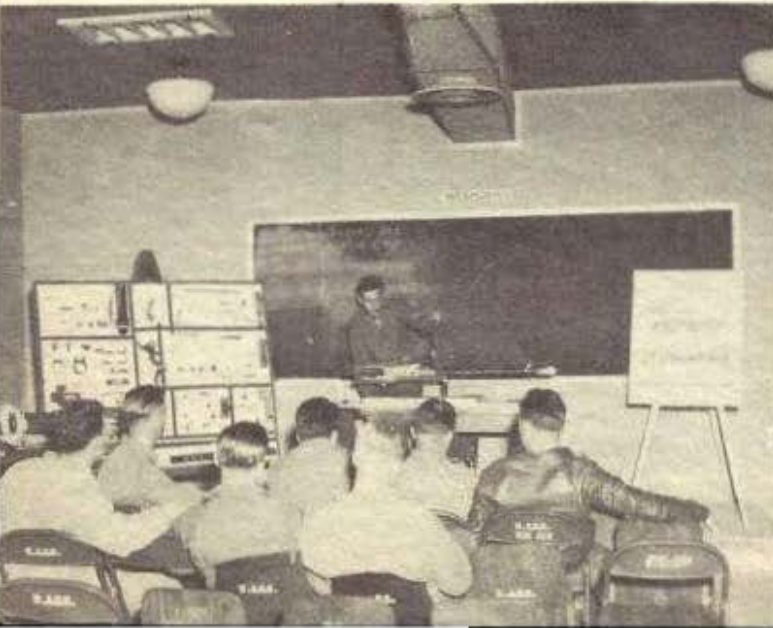
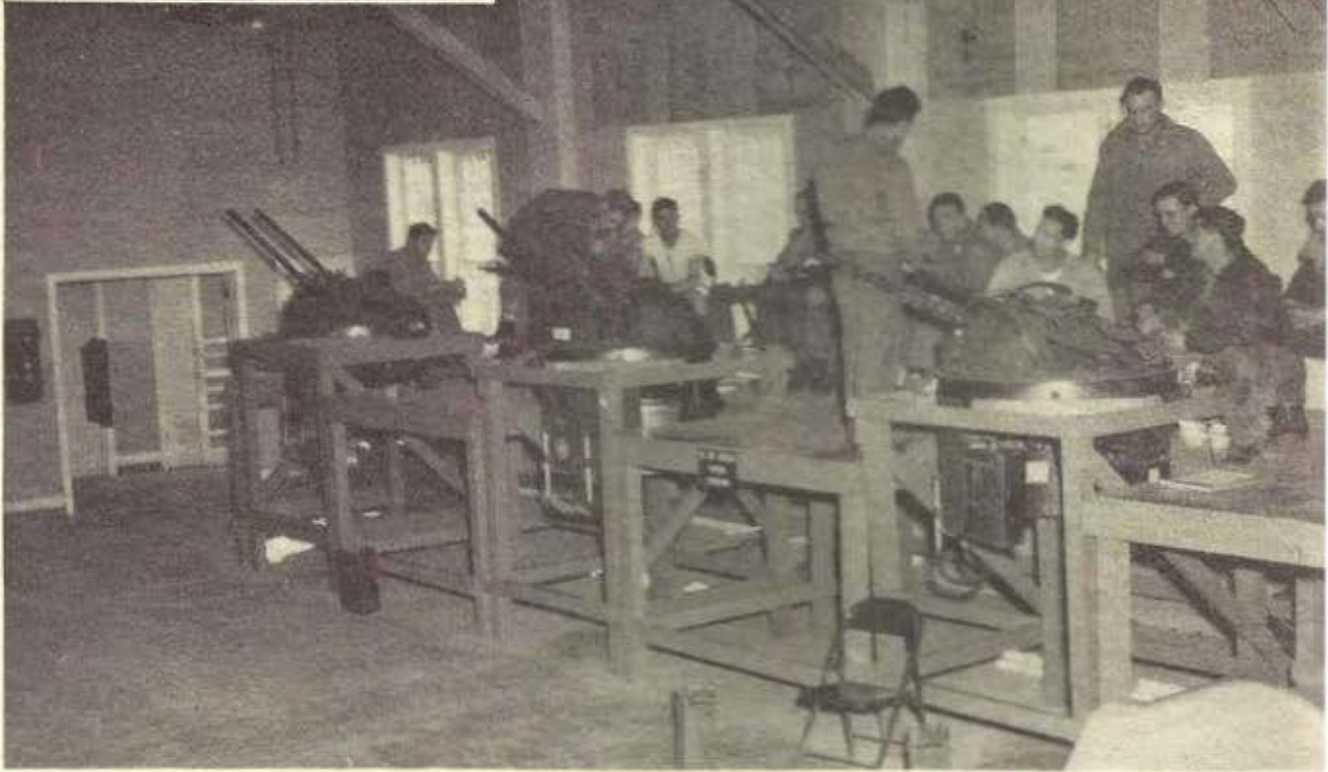


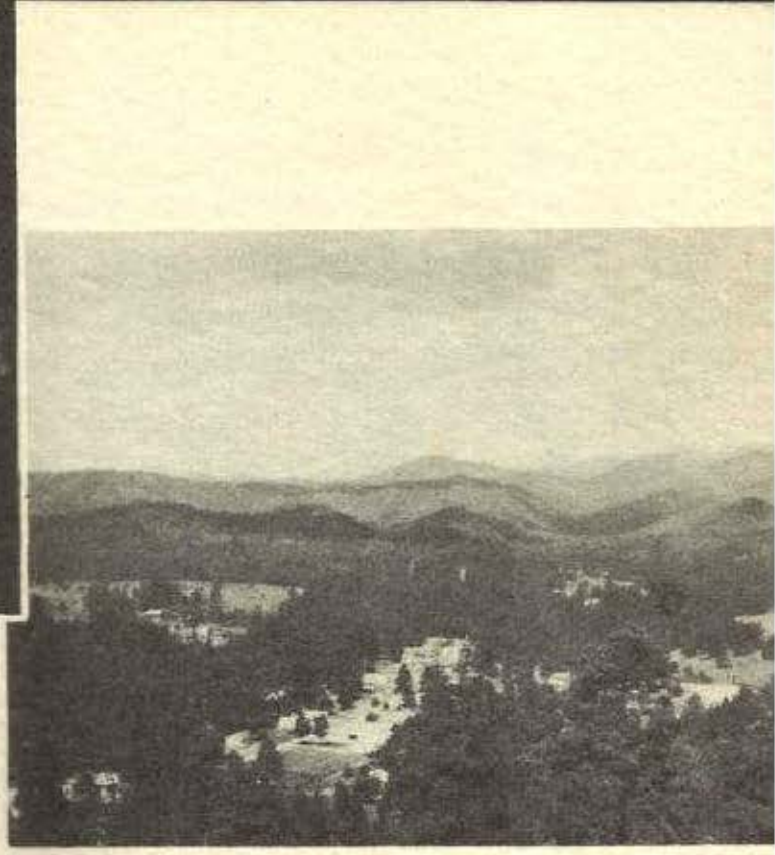
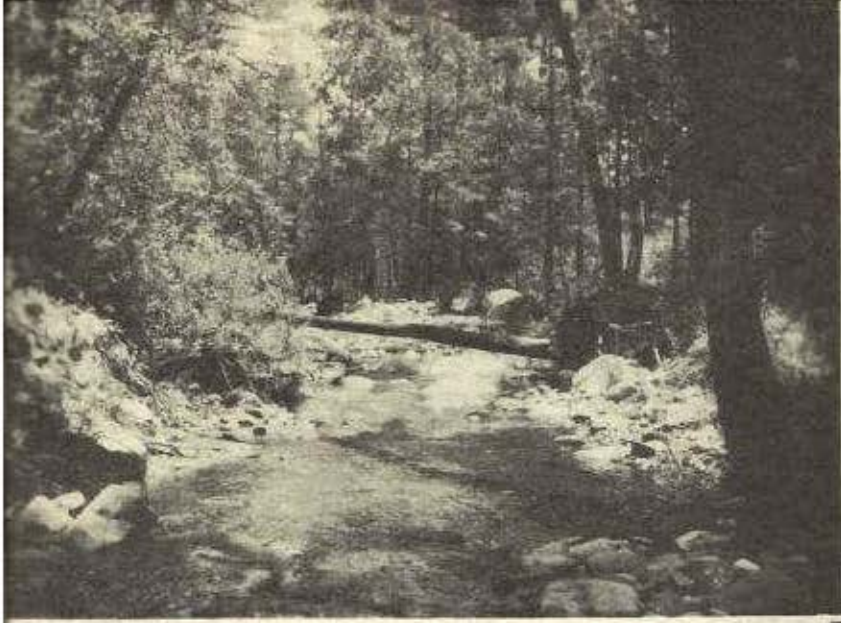
Par-rigger Packs  
Parachute, Para-  
chute Department



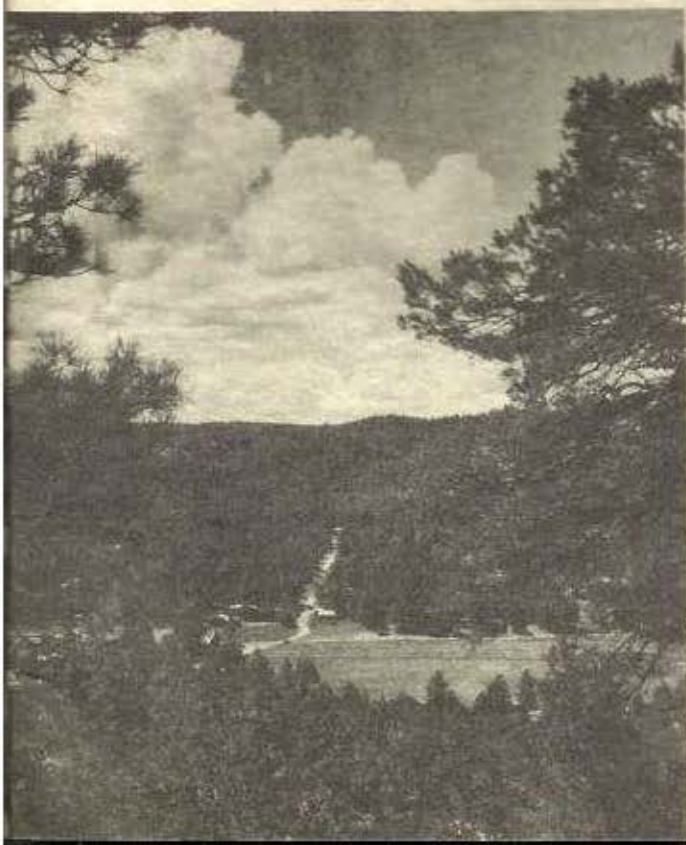
Parachute Department

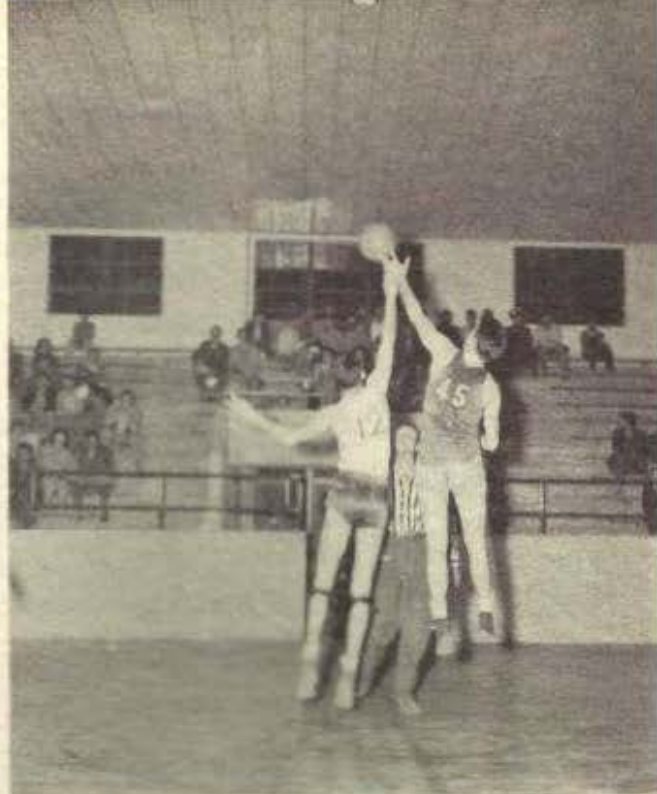
# GUNNERY SCHOOLS





Ruidoso, Nearby Mountain Resort.  
A rest camp is maintained in the  
summer for personnel of this base.  
Facilities are horseback riding,  
fishing, skiing, tobogganing, hik-  
ing, etc.  
Open year round.





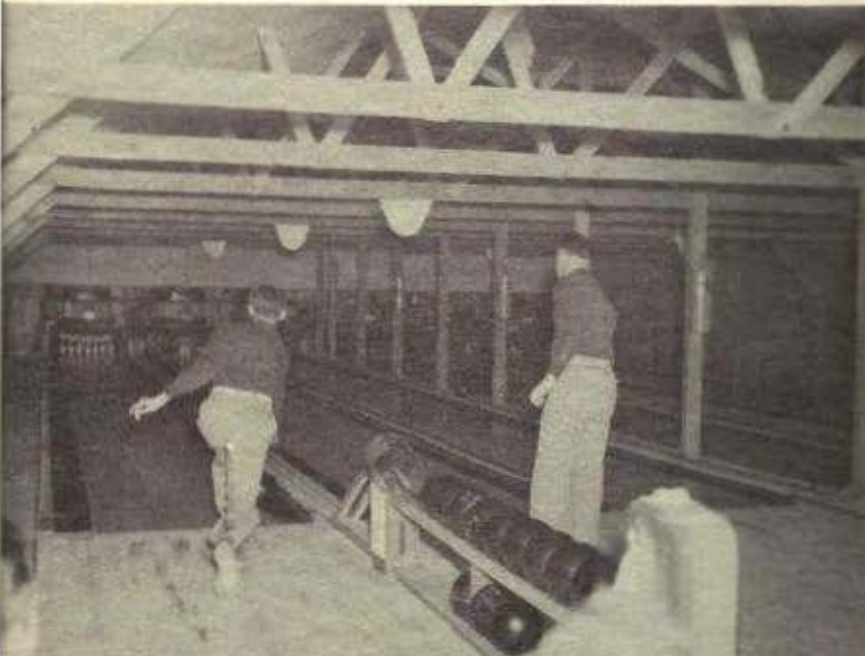
Basketball Game



AAB Alamo Team







Sports at Alamogordo





Swimming Class

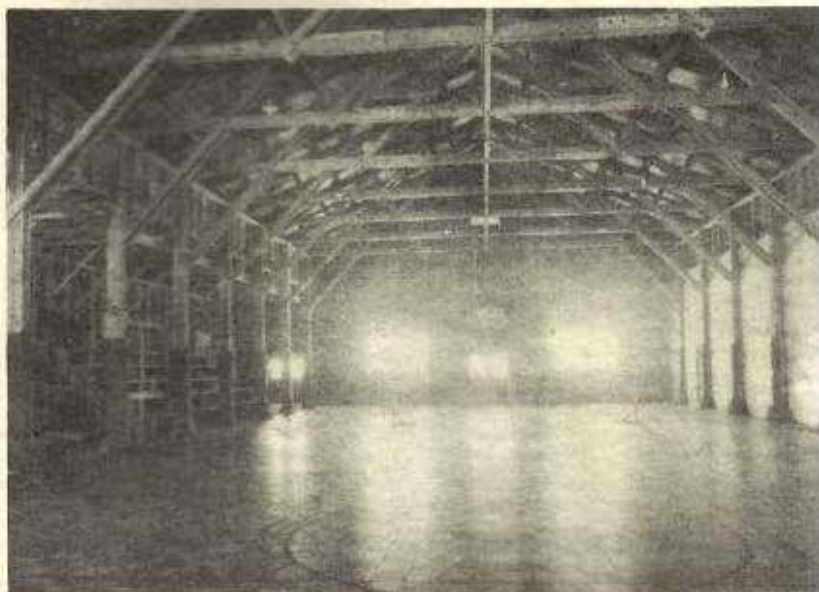


Swimming Pool

Gymnasium



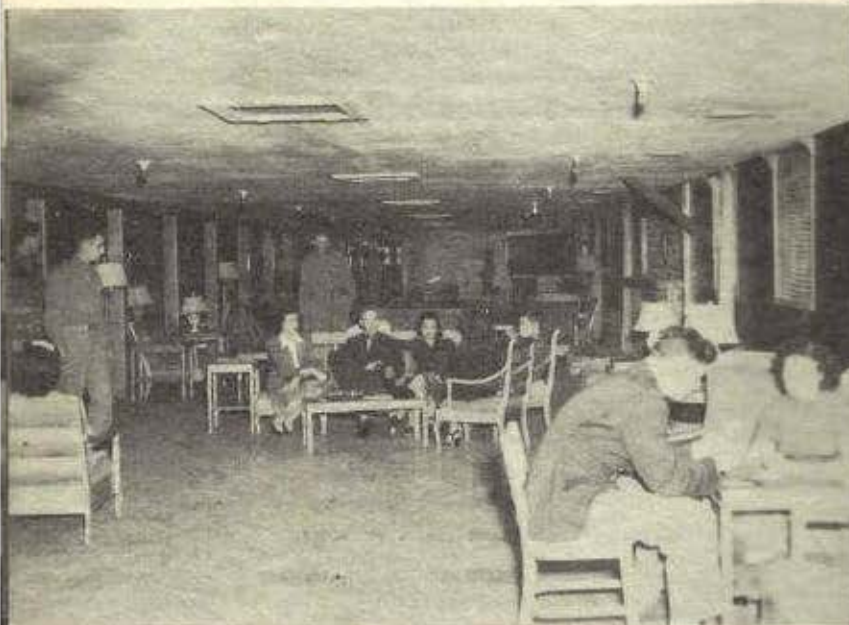
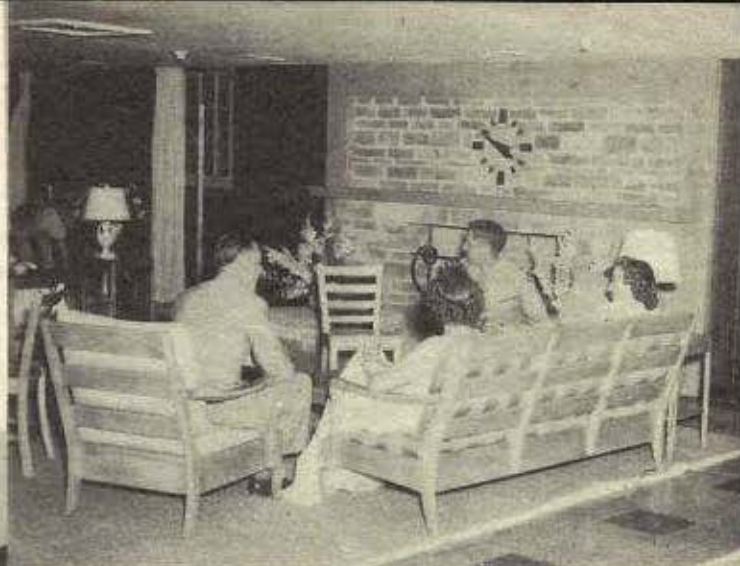
Base  
Gymnasium,  
AAB



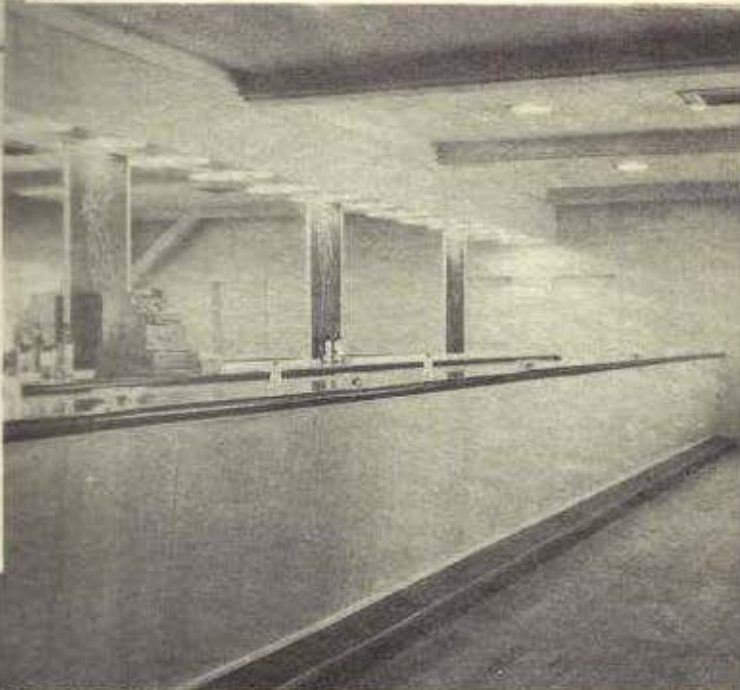
Alamo  
Team



Opening of Officers' Club



Bar—Officers' Club



Ball Room N. C. O. Club

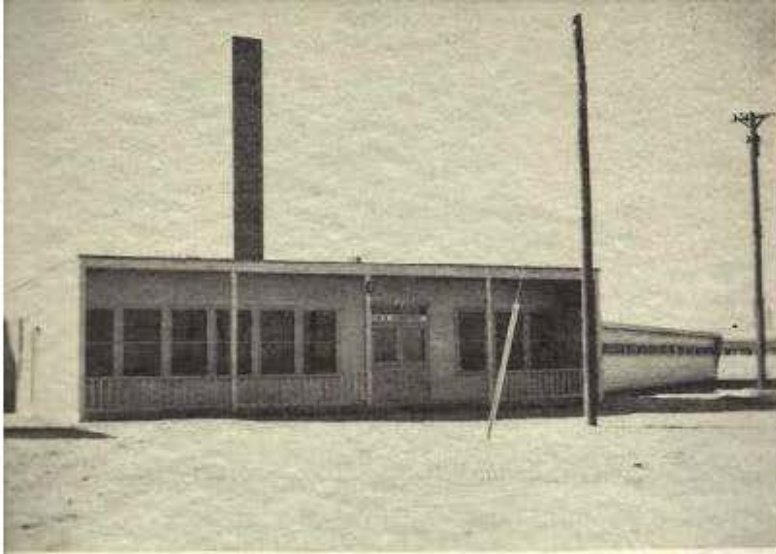


B-24's on Ramp



Sub Depot Bond Rally





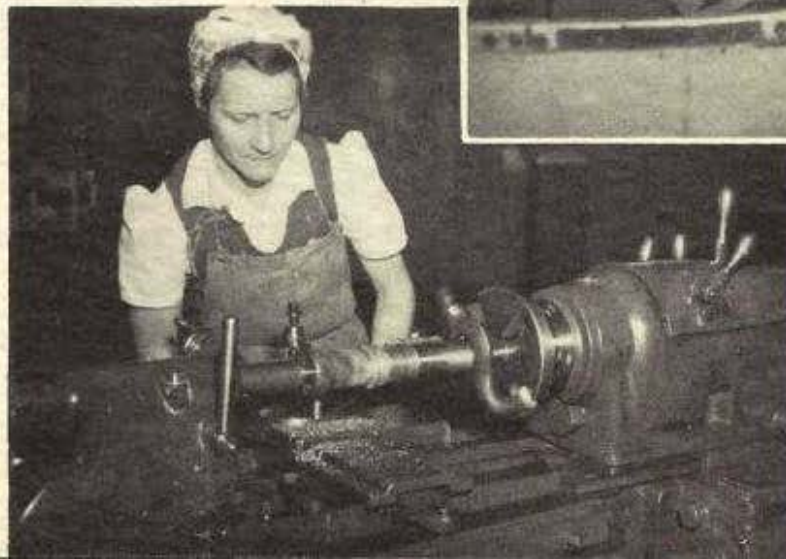
Alta Vista Civilian  
Housing, Girls' Dorm.

Alta Vista  
Apartments



Sub Depot Instrument  
Repair School

Sub Depot  
Machine Shop



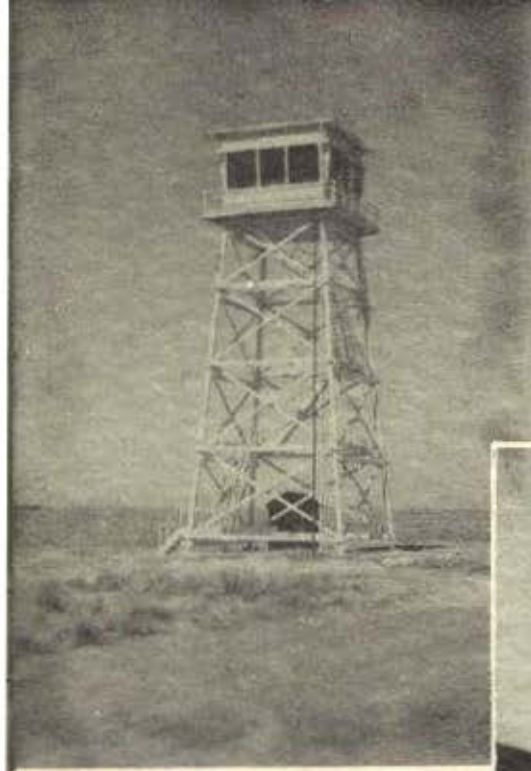


Ordnance Department  
50 Cal. Machine Gun Belts



Motor Repair Shop





Control Tower

Weather Observation



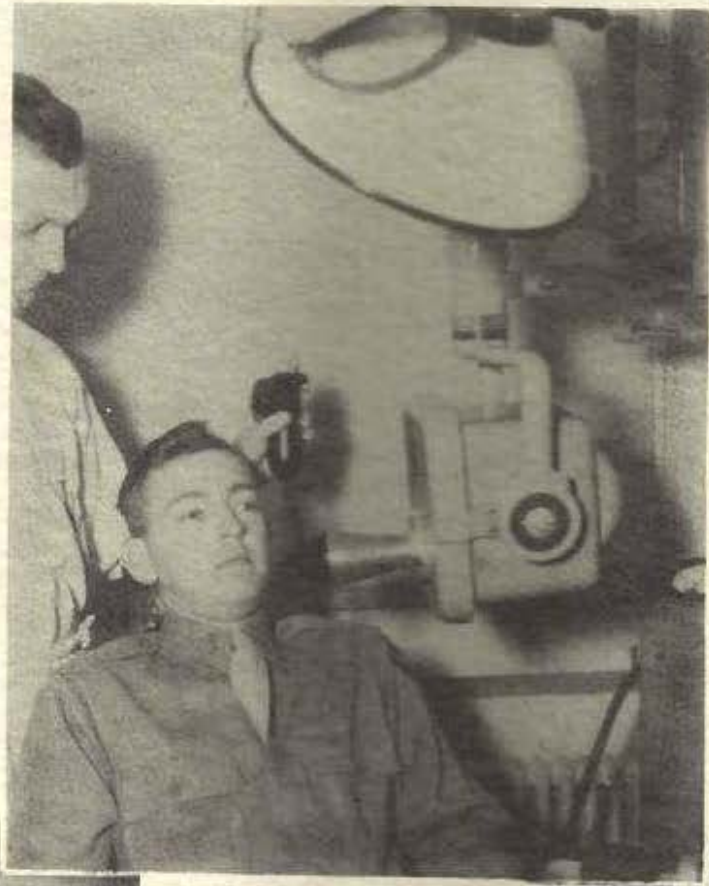
Bombs—Practice

Control Tower

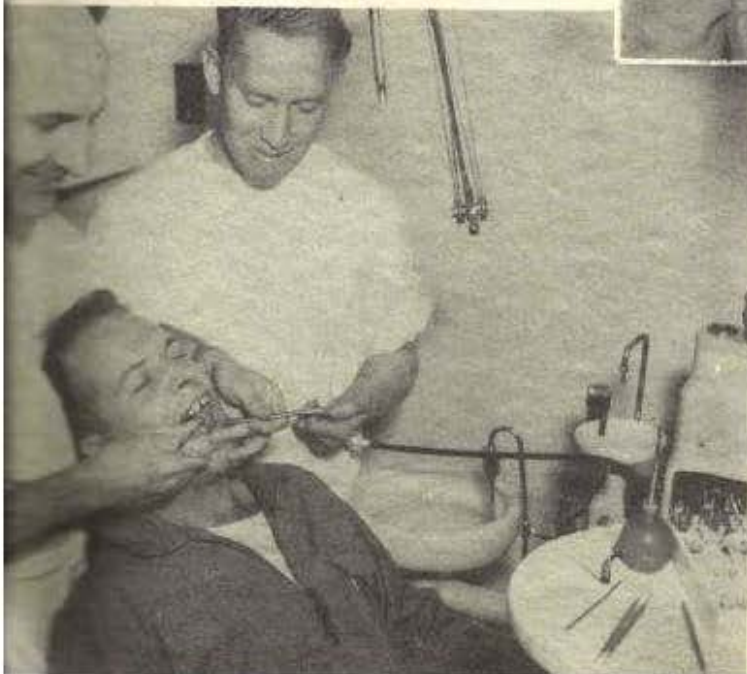




Surgery—Base Hospital



Base Hospital Dentist



Base Hospital  
Dental X-Ray







Ward Opening



Shirley Ross in  
Hospital Receiving Center



Base Hospital Ward 5

Shirley Ross of Picture  
Fame and Lucky GI



Base Hospital  
Nurses





WAC CO. and Shirley Ross

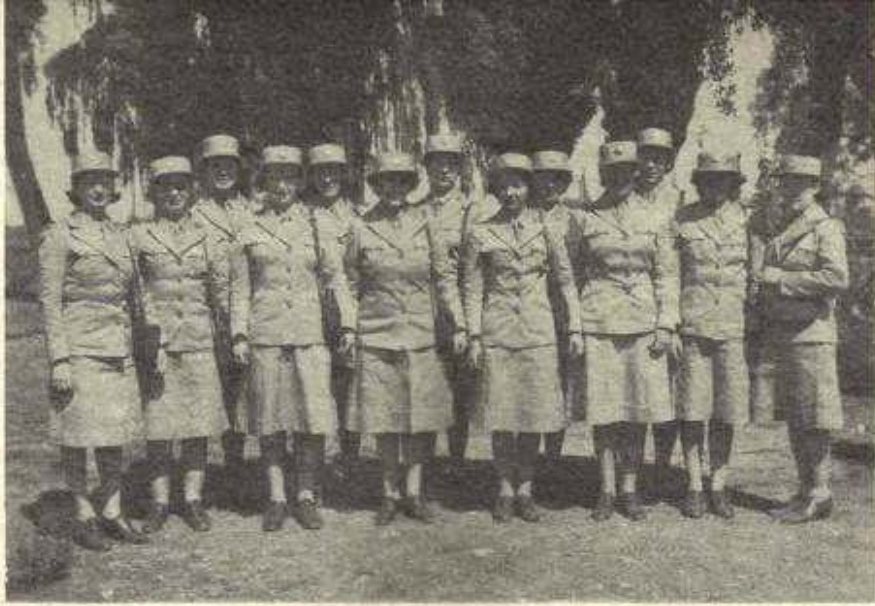


WAC Wedding



WAC Party





First WACs at Alamogordo



WAC Show





Visit of Edgar Kennedy

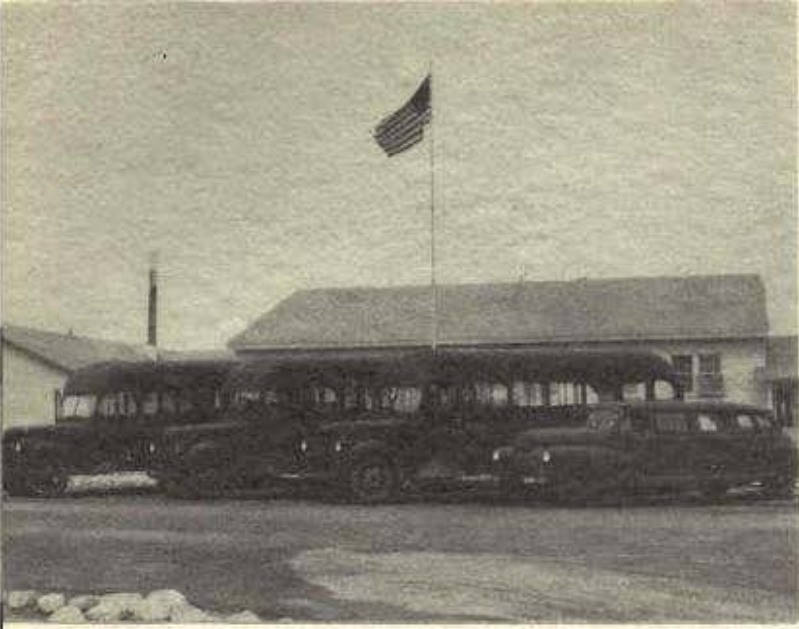
WAC Activities





Weddings





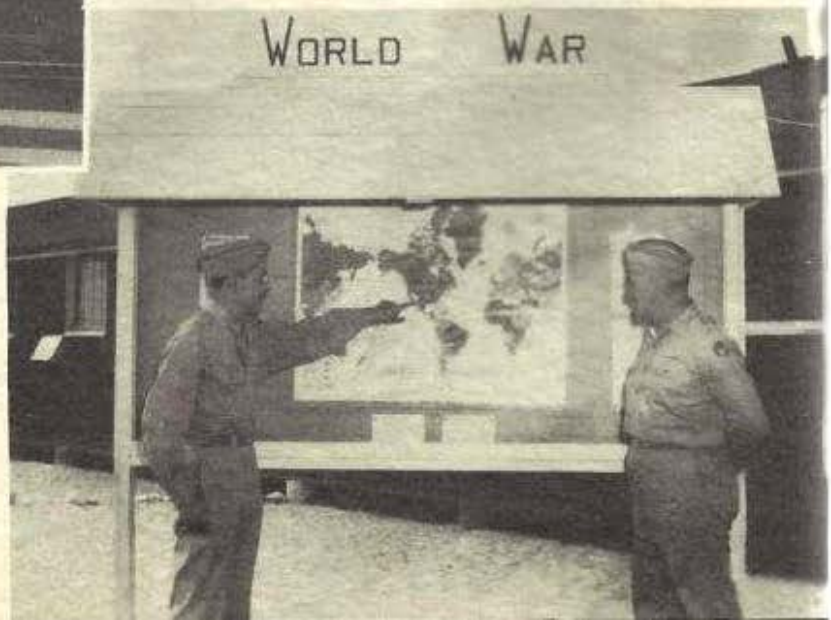
Base Transportation

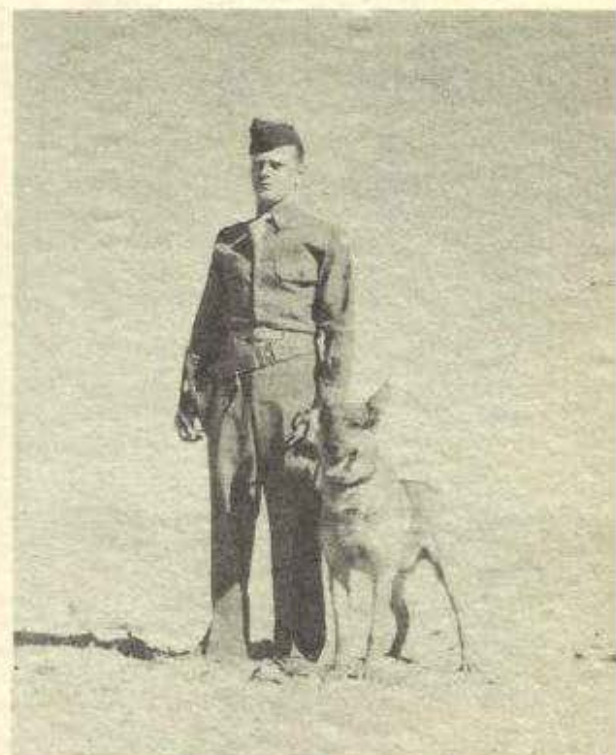
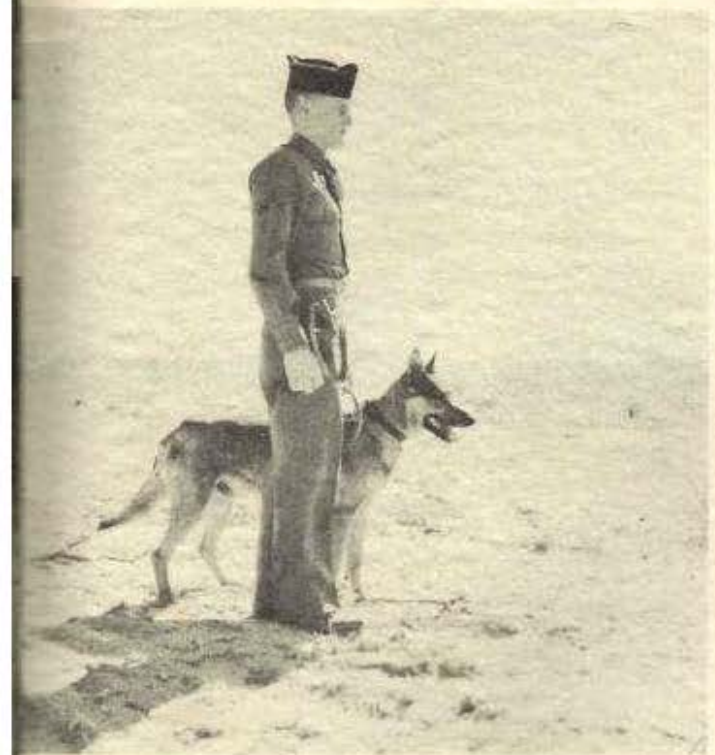
Blind Visit Air Base



Inspection by the Blind

Lt. Robert B. Johnston  
Major Huber





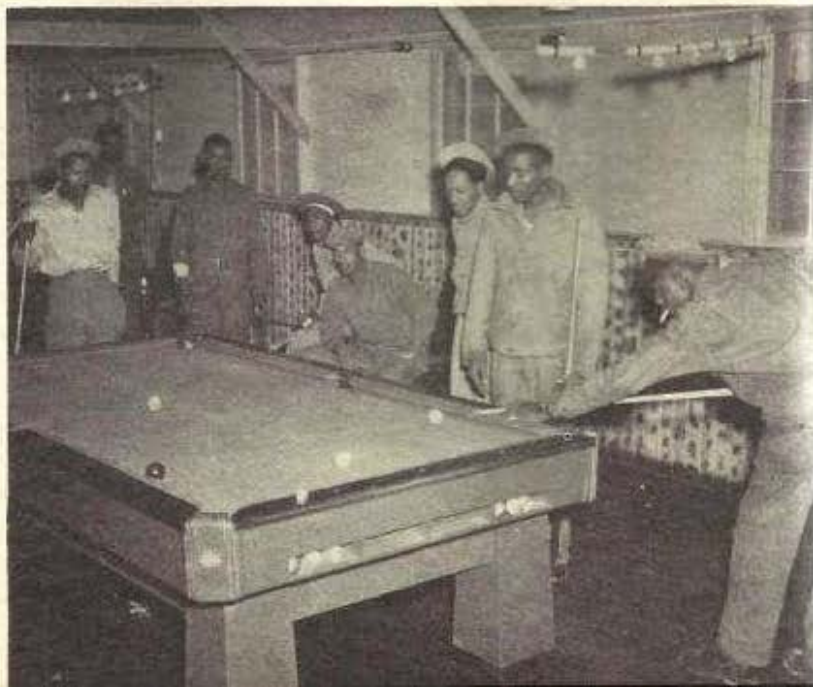
K-9 Corps at Alamogordo



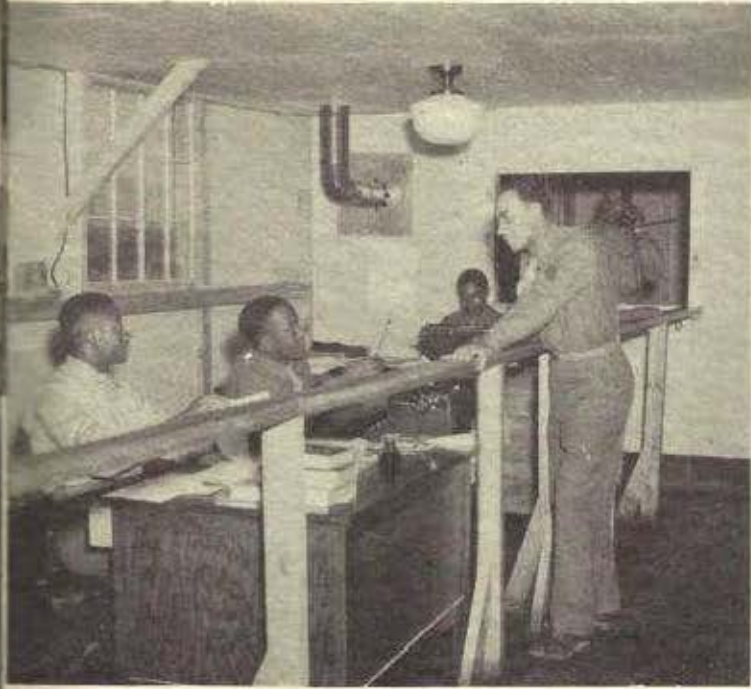
359th COLORED UNIT



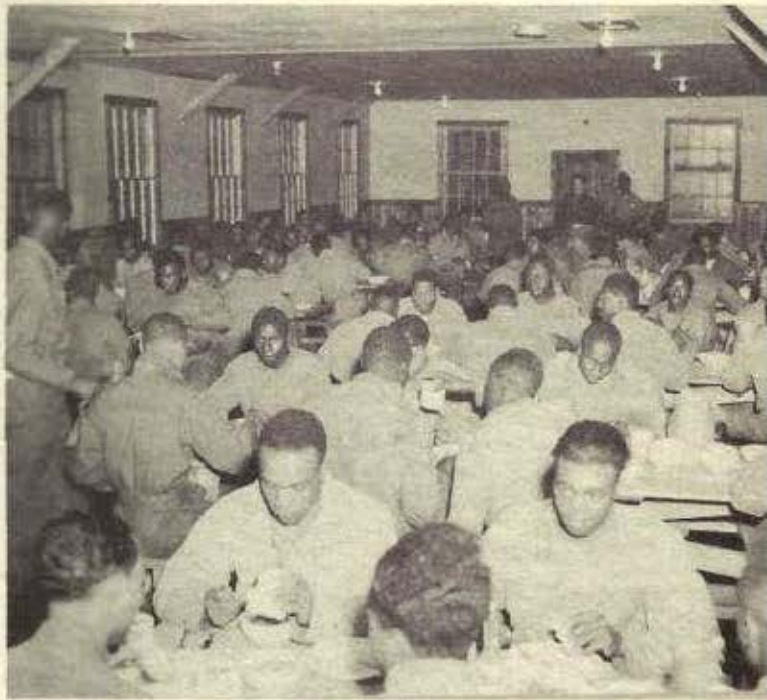
Day Room



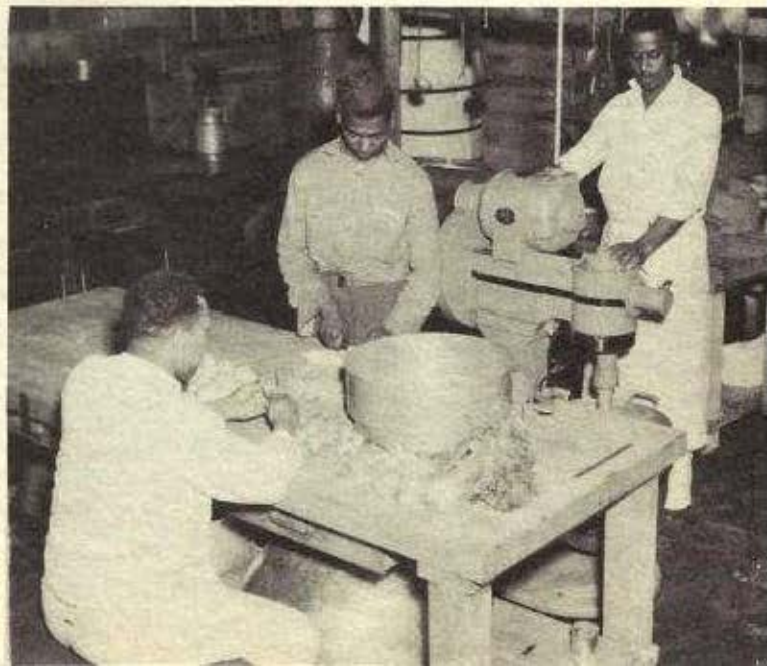




Orderly Room



Colored Mess



Kitchen



Service Club Dance



Dance



Bar—NCO Club



Service Club Opening





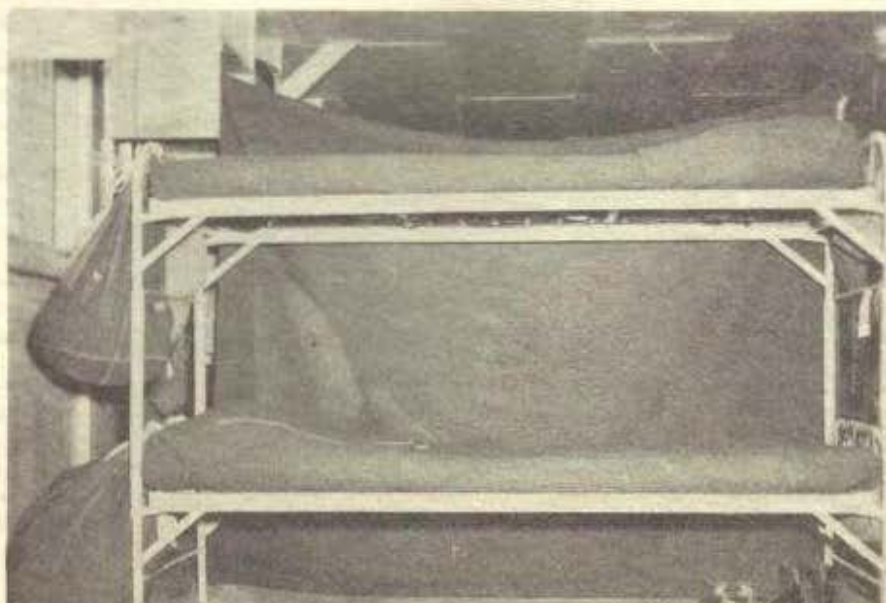
Consolidated Mess



Clothing Layout



Baking Ovens



Bunks



Nativity—Xmas at Chapel



Chapel

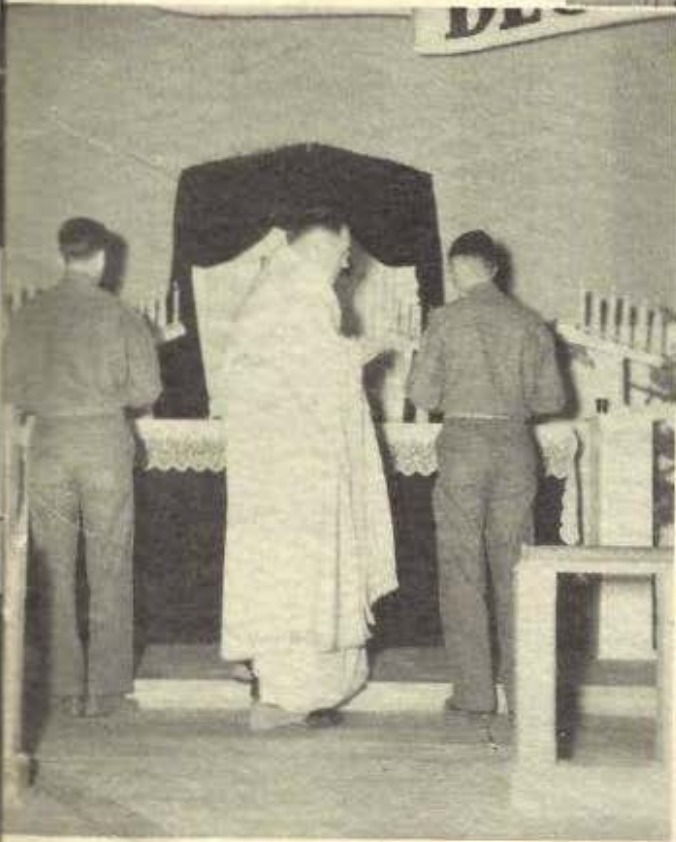
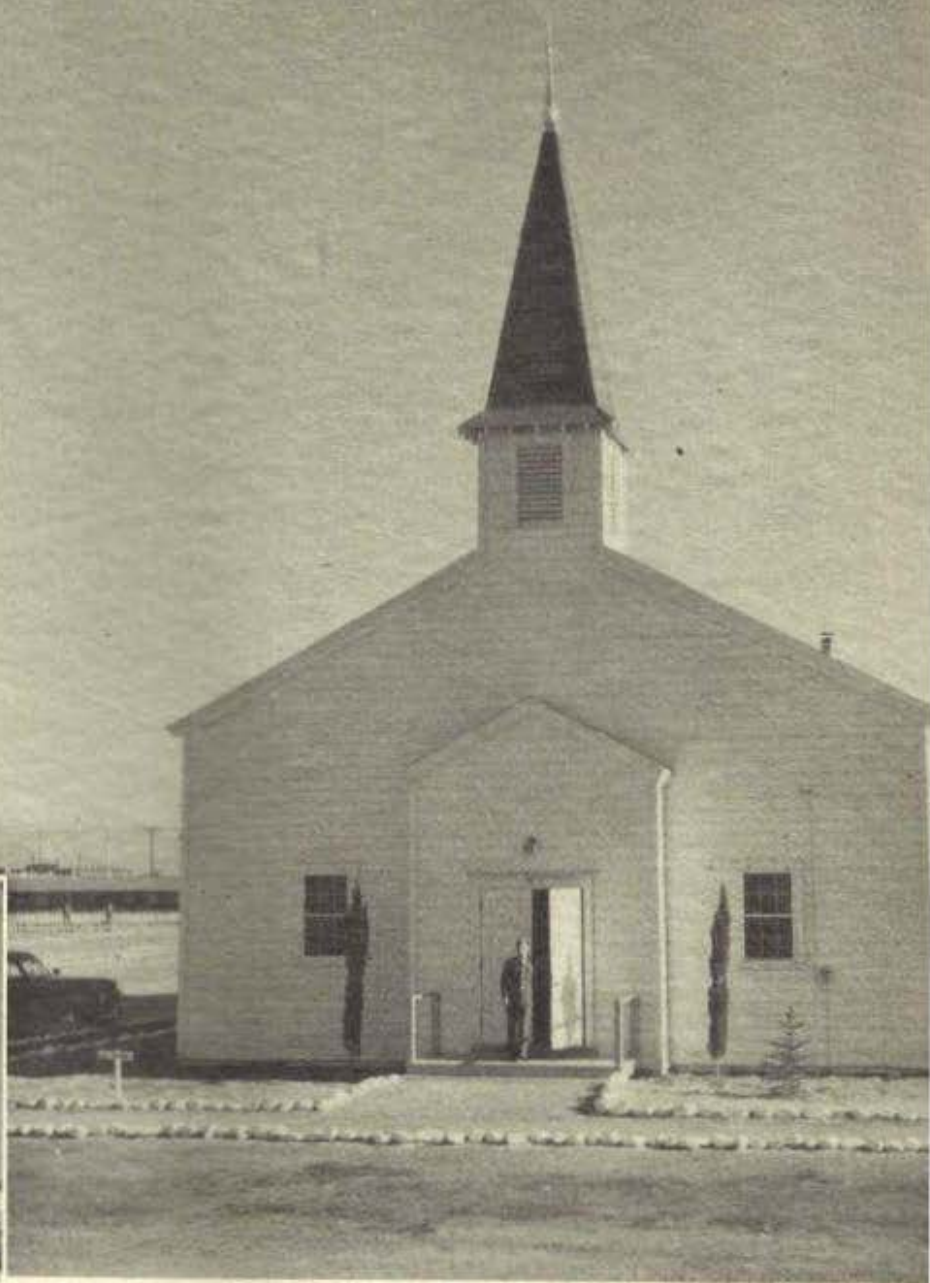


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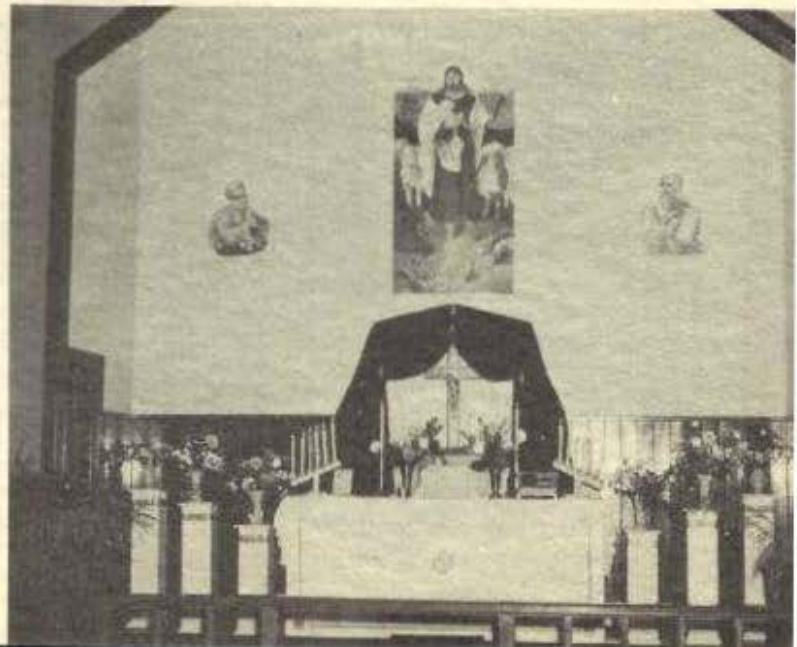


Chapel

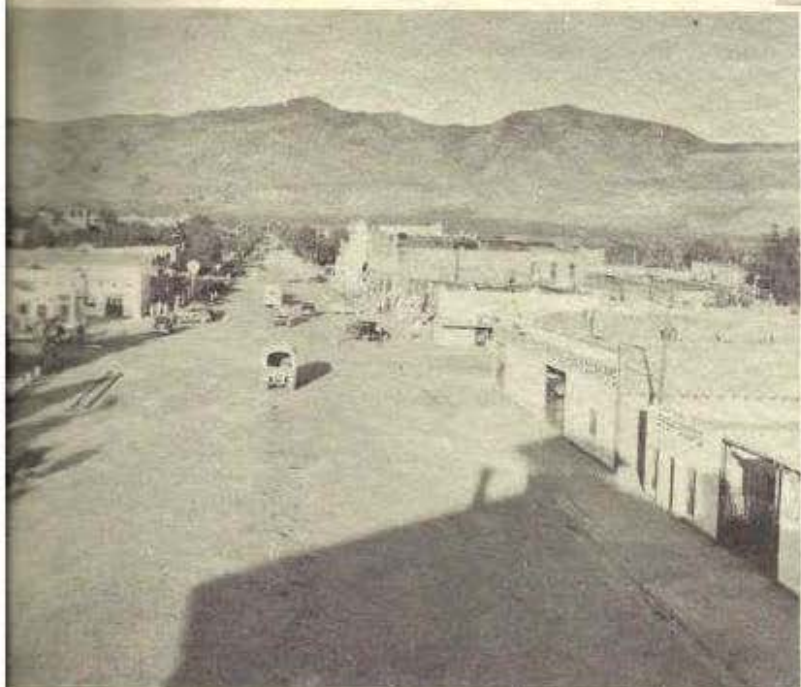
Chapel, Alamogordo



Interior of Chapel  
Alamogordo



Aerial Shot, City of  
Alamogordo



U. S. Post Office



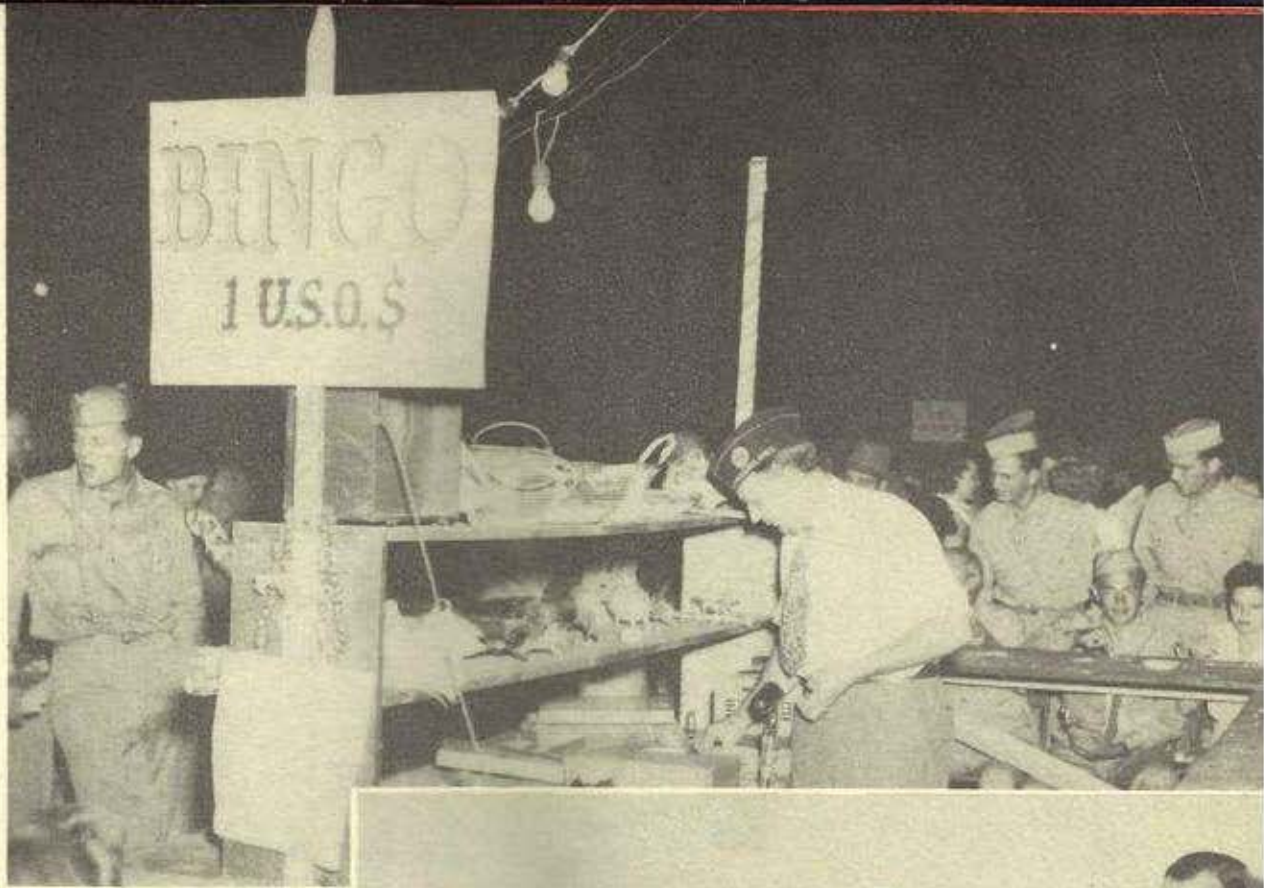
USO Lounge. Alamogordo  
built this for Service Men.



USO Library

Downtown USO



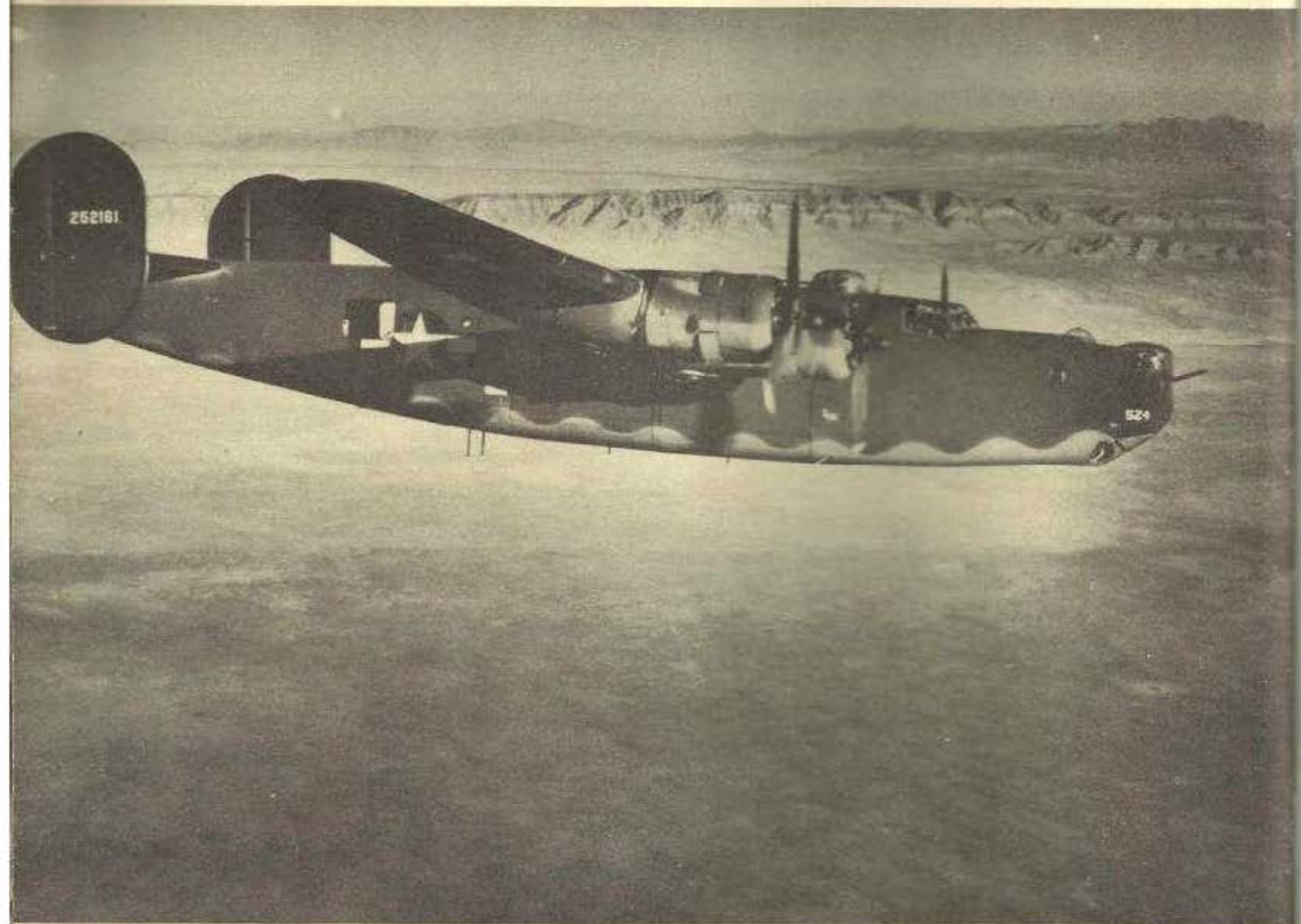


USO Party



Snack Bar USO





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