



**James E. Plew, ca. 1920s. On 15 Oct 1934, Mr Plew of the Valparaiso Realty Co offered to donate land to the US government provided that within a year funds be made available to construct a bombing and gunnery base.**



**James Plew's Valparaiso Development Company**



**The Valparaiso Inn. Visiting officers from Maxwell Field might stay there in the early 1930s.**



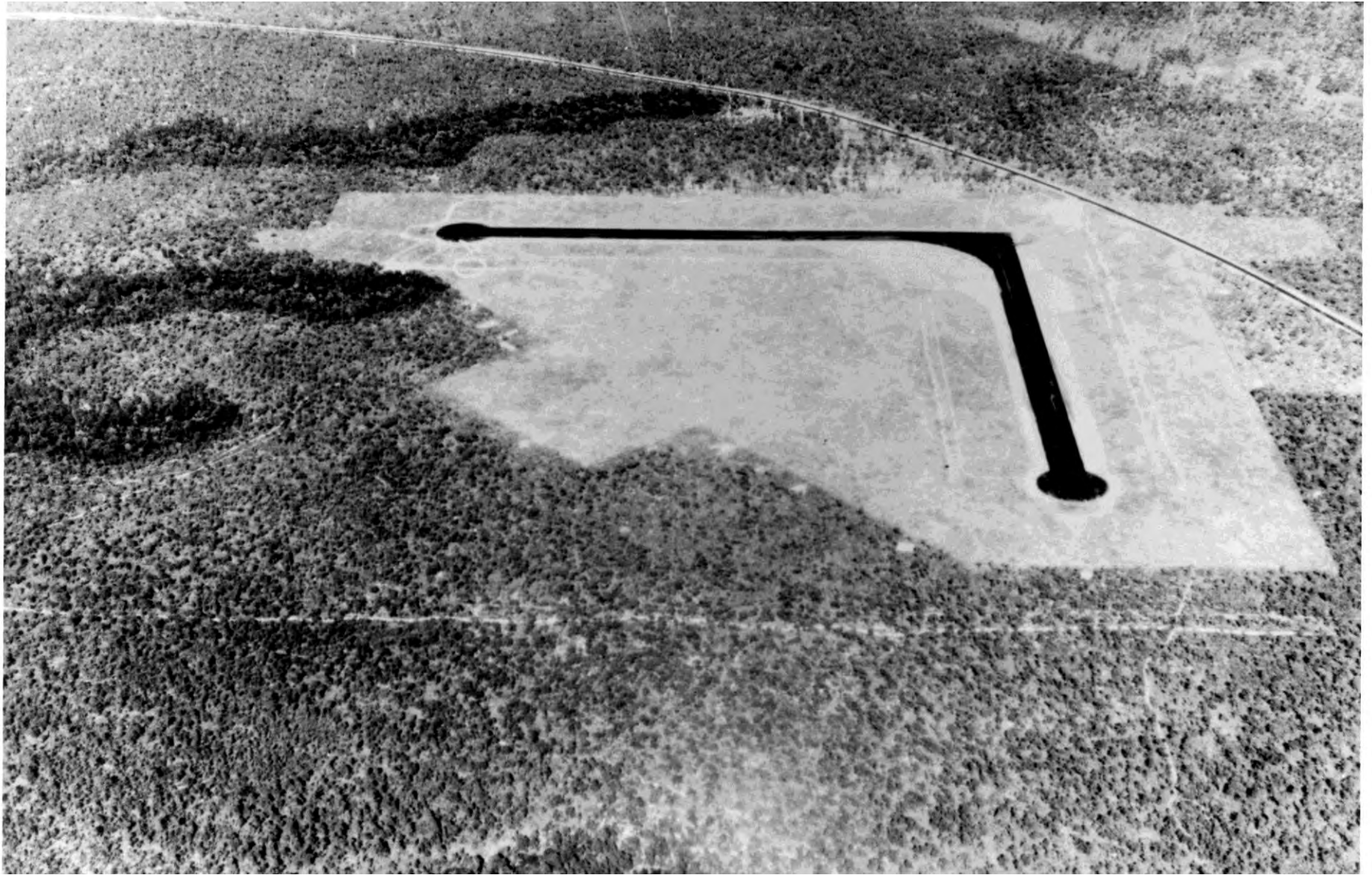


**James Plew's golf course: the "Chicago Country Club." Visiting officers from Maxwell might play golf there in the early 1930s.**





**High altitude aerial photo of the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base in 1935.**



**High altitude aerial shot of Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base in July 1935**



**Capt Arnold H. Rich, 1st Commander (Officer-in-Charge), 14 Jun 35-20 May 38.**



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**An aerial view of the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base in March 1936.**



**The gate to the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base before the name was changed to Eglin Field in 1937.**



**Servicing aircraft at the base—probably 1936**

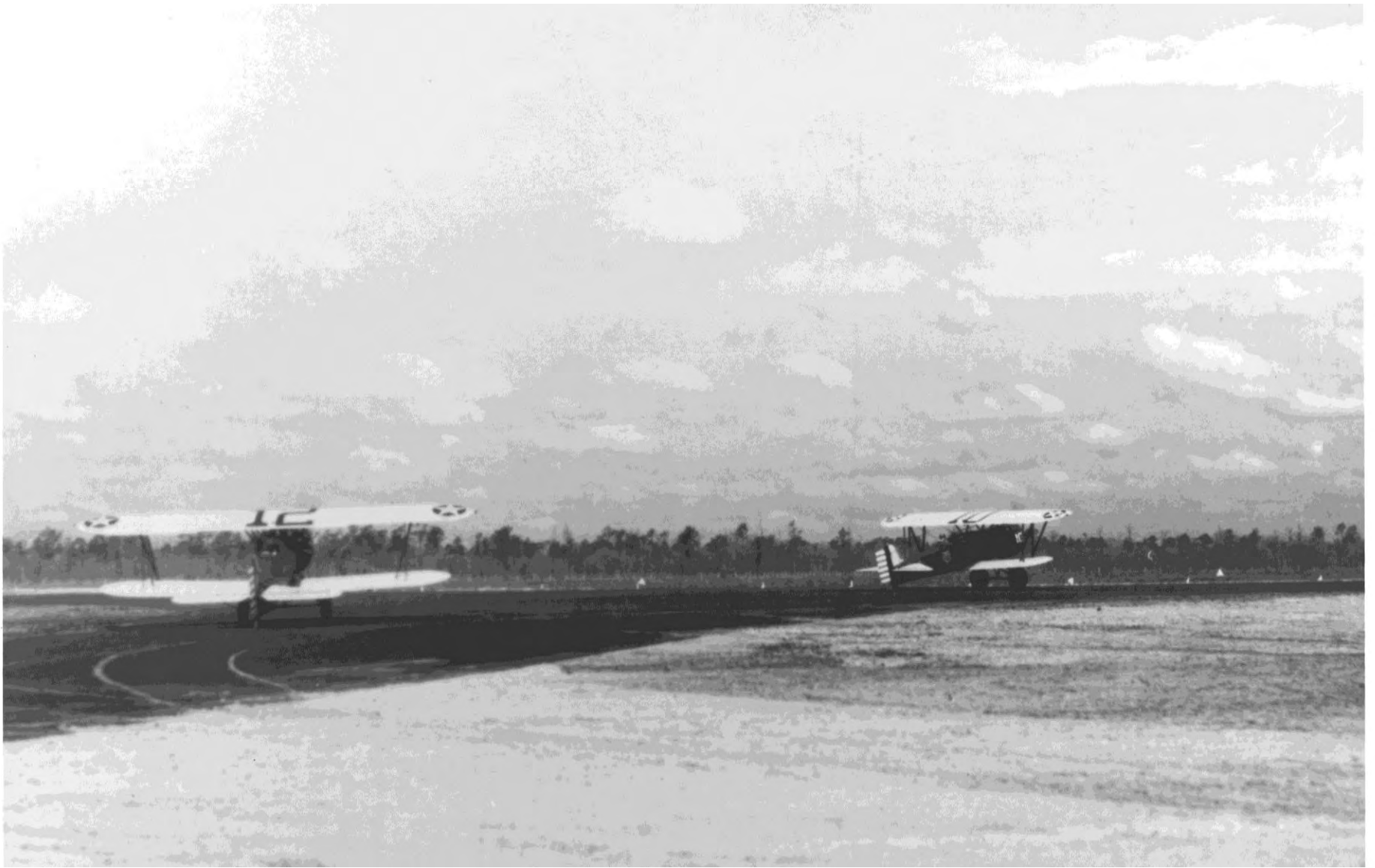




**A good low-level aerial view of the Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Base in March 1936**



**Probably 1936—Maj William McDonald, Maj Claire Chennault, and John Williamson.**



**P-12 aircraft at Valparaiso Bombing and Gunnery Field—around 1936**





**Closeup shot of the early Eglin headquarters building**



**Early photo of Eglin Headquarters building.**

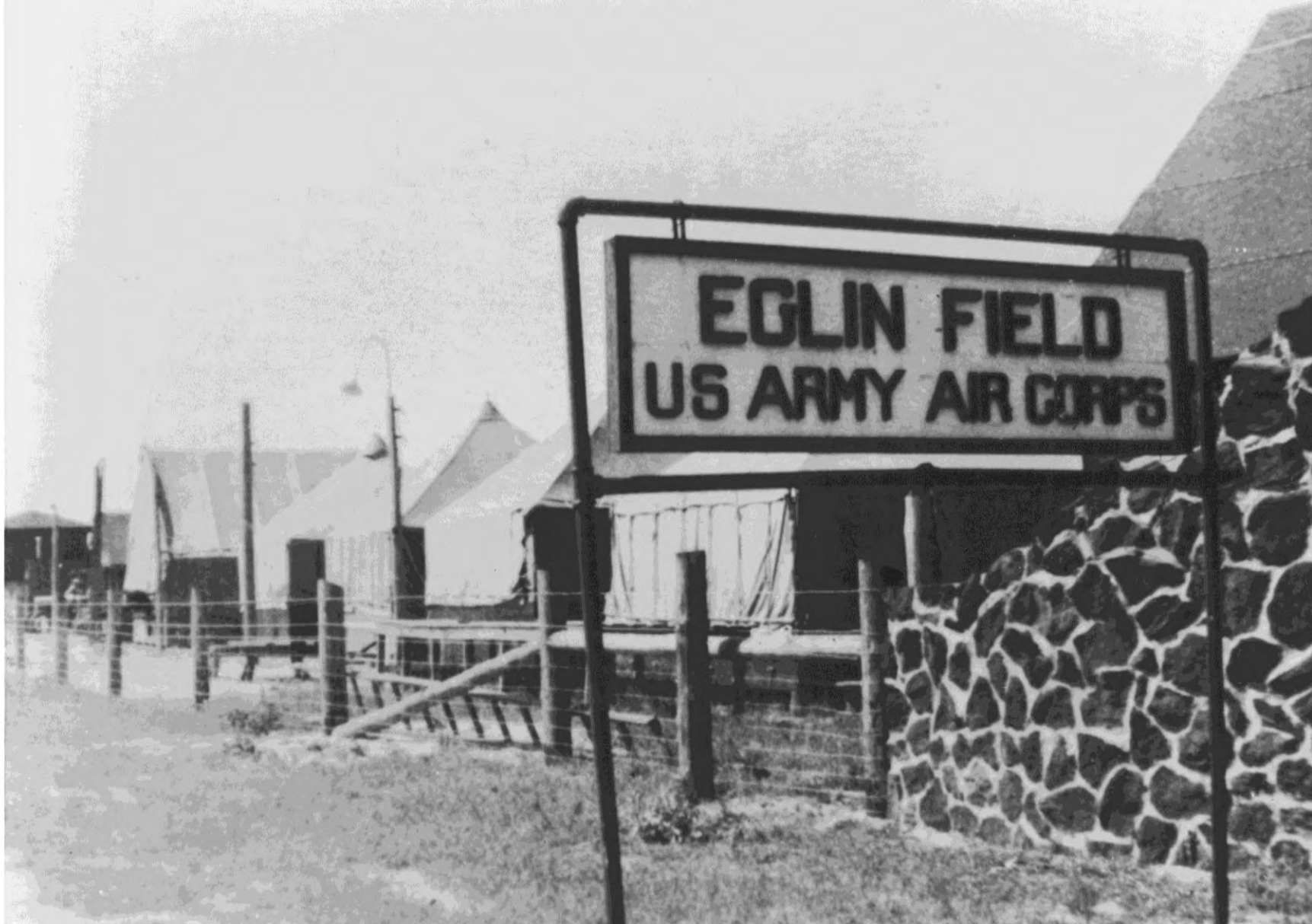


**A view of the Eglin Field gate, probably 1939.**

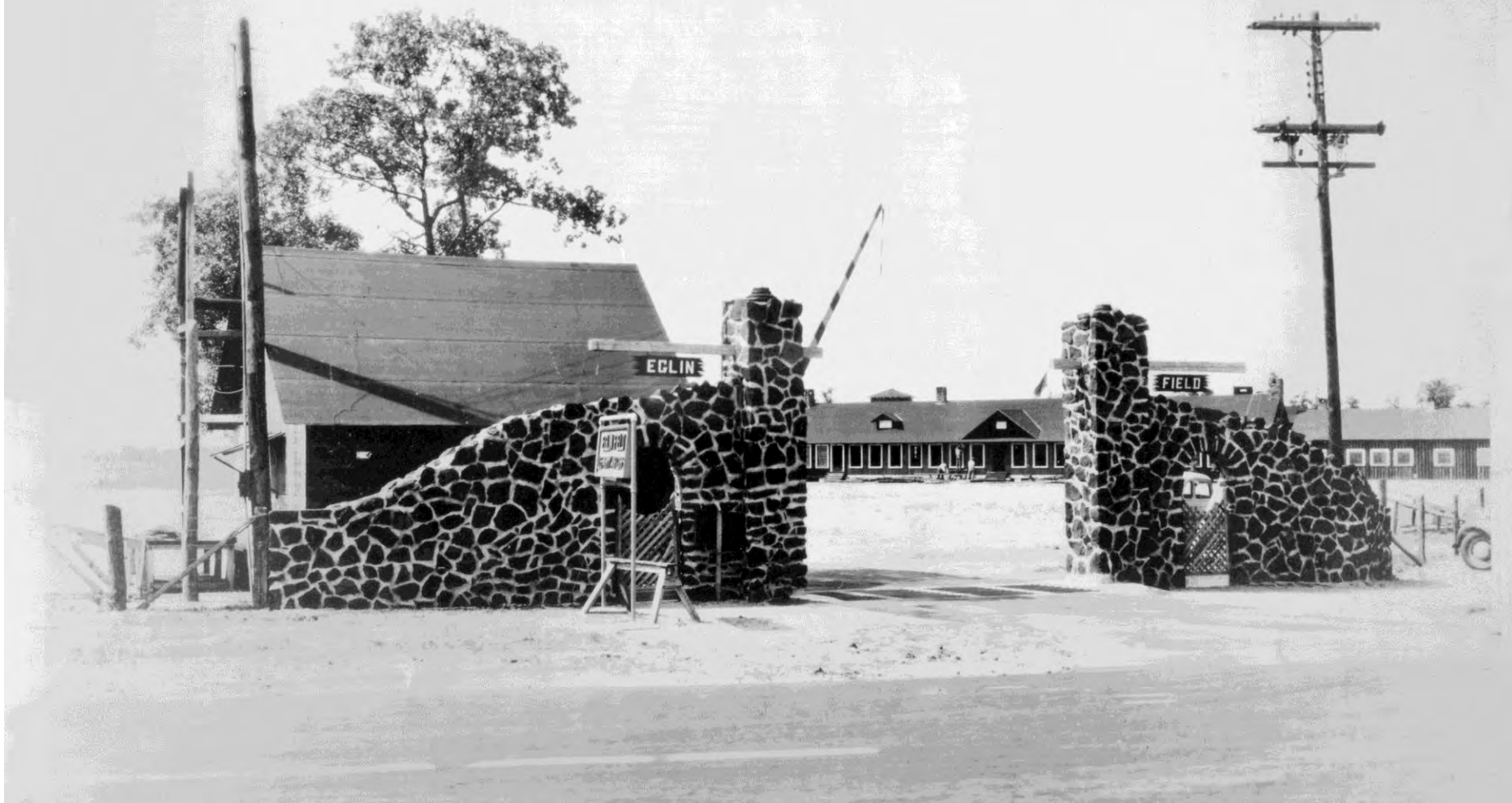




**Eglin Field gate decorated for Christmas.**



**Tents at Eglin Field, just to the left of the gate.**



**The Eglin Field gate in April 1939**



**Range house and targets in 1939**





**Civil Engineering building.**



**Interior of the mess hall in 1939**



**The “new” Eglin headquarters building and tower.**



**Two-room cottage at White Point in 1939.**





**Capt George A. Whatley, Officer in Charge, Eglin Field, 20 May 38-3 Aug 39**



“New” Eglin Field headquarters building and tower.



**Bath house and latrine for permanent party personnel—April 1939**



**National Guard mess hall—April 1939**





**National Guard latrine and showers—April 1939**

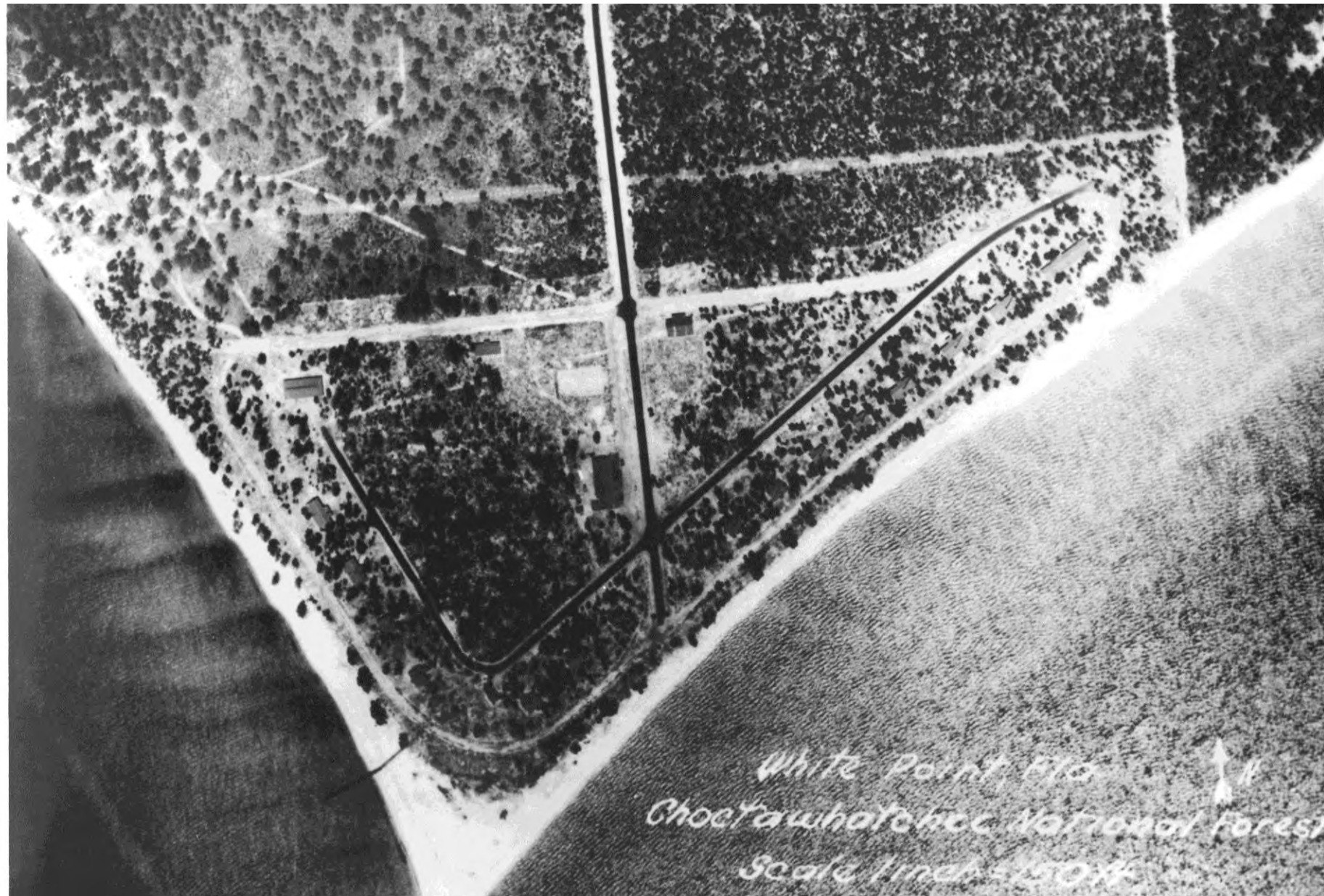


**Lodge at White Point, 1939**



**Three-room cottage at White Point, 1939**





**Aerial View of White Point in 1939**





**Runway construction in the 1930s.**



**More runway construction in the 1930s**



**Radio building—April 1939.**



**Bomb shed—April 1939**





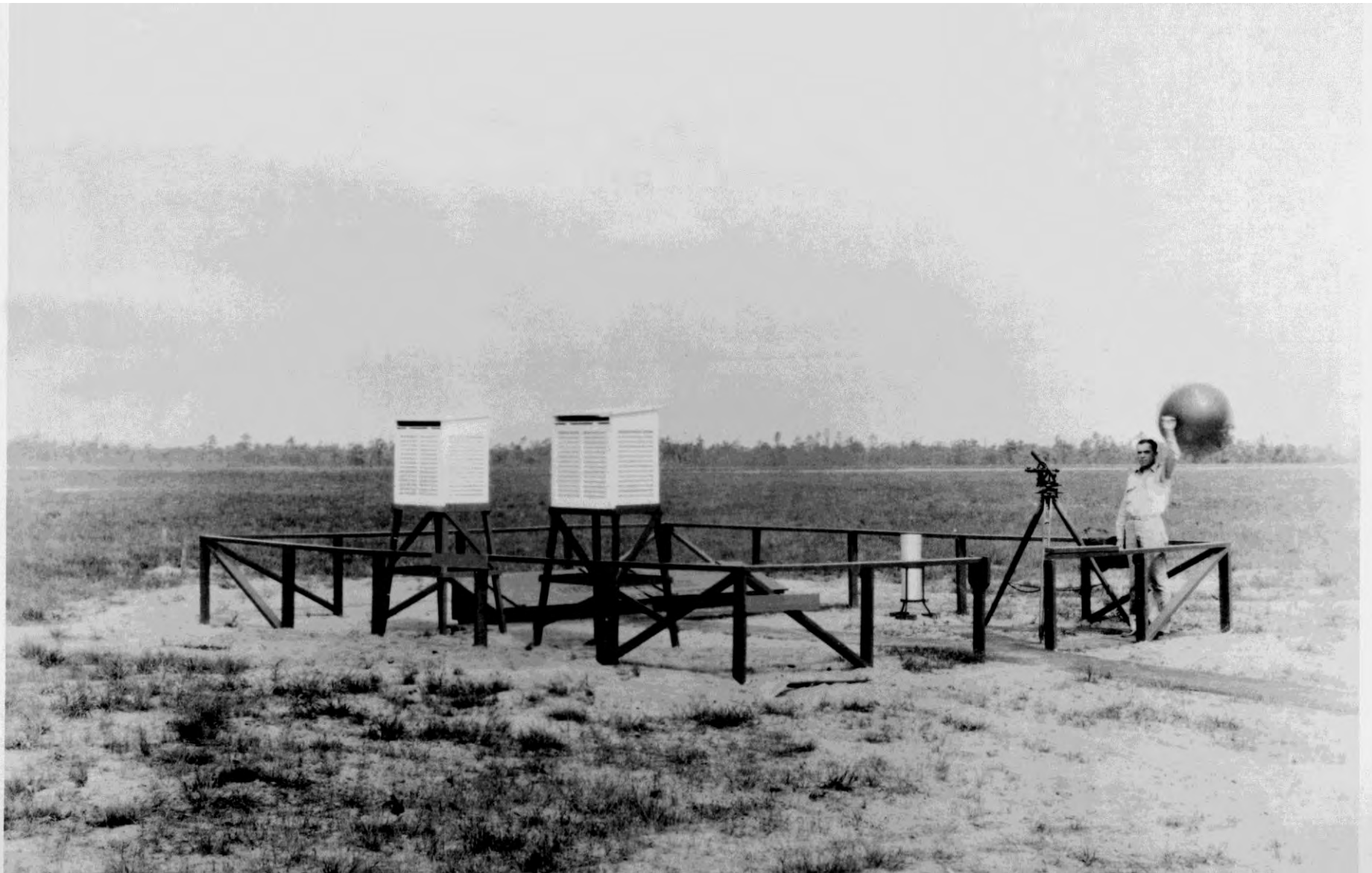
**A P-3 on the Eglin flightline. The crew chief is in the cockpit.**



**A B-18 on the flightline in service**



**A 1939 picnic for Eglin Field personnel. Photo donated by Col (Ret) John A. McVey**



**Wind observation at Eglin in April 1939.**





**Maj Warren A. Maxwell, Commanding Officer, Eglin Field, 3 Aug 39-17 Apr 41  
Commanding Officer, Air Corps Specialized Flying School, 1 Sep 40-17 Apr 41**



**National Guard area at Eglin Field in 1940.**



**Tents in the National Guard area in early 1940s**



**Eglin boat house in 1940.**





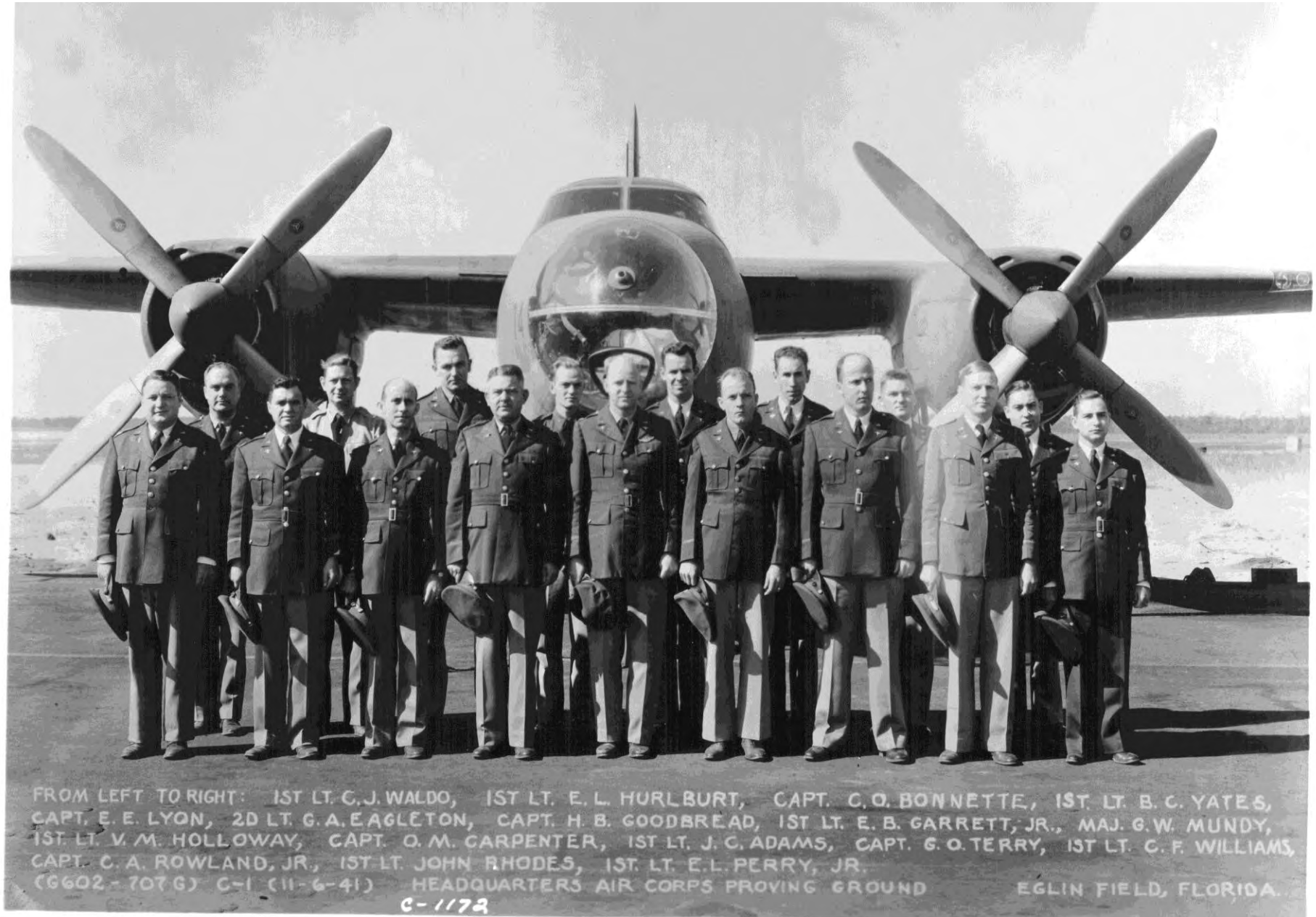
**The Eglin boat squadron in the summer of 1940.**



A boat squadron photo in early 1940s



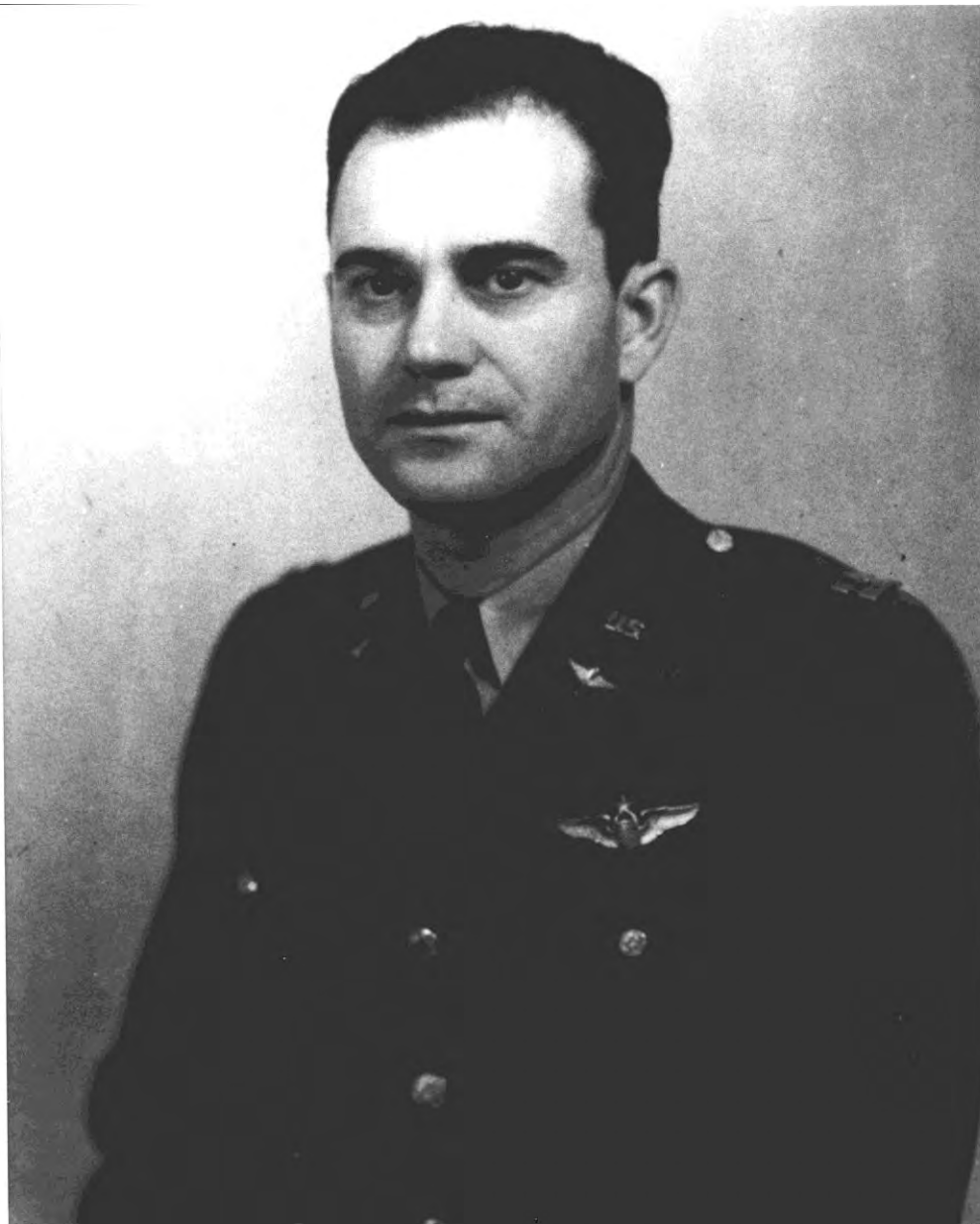
**Col Donald P. Muse, Commanding Officer, 17 Apr 41-23 Aug 41**



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: 1ST LT. C. J. WALDO, 1ST LT. E. L. HURLBURT, CAPT. C. O. BONNETTE, 1ST LT. B. C. YATES, CAPT. E. E. LYON, 2D LT. G. A. EAGLETON, CAPT. H. B. GOODBREAD, 1ST LT. E. B. GARRETT, JR., MAJ. G. W. MUNDY, 1ST LT. V. M. HOLLOWAY, CAPT. O. M. CARPENTER, 1ST LT. J. C. ADAMS, CAPT. G. O. TERRY, 1ST LT. C. F. WILLIAMS, CAPT. C. A. ROWLAND, JR., 1ST LT. JOHN RHODES, 1ST LT. E. L. PERRY, JR.  
(6602-7076) C-1 (11-6-41) HEADQUARTERS AIR CORPS PROVING GROUND EGLIN FIELD, FLORIDA.  
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**HQ Air Corps Proving Ground officers in Nov 1941.**





**Maj Joseph H. Atkinson, Commanding Officer, 23 Aug 41-22 Oct 41**



**Maj George W. Mundy, Commanding Officer, 22 Oct 41-30 Mar 42**



**61<sup>st</sup> Air Base Group (Sp) Officers in November 1941**



Air Corps Proving Ground Officers, Nov 1941





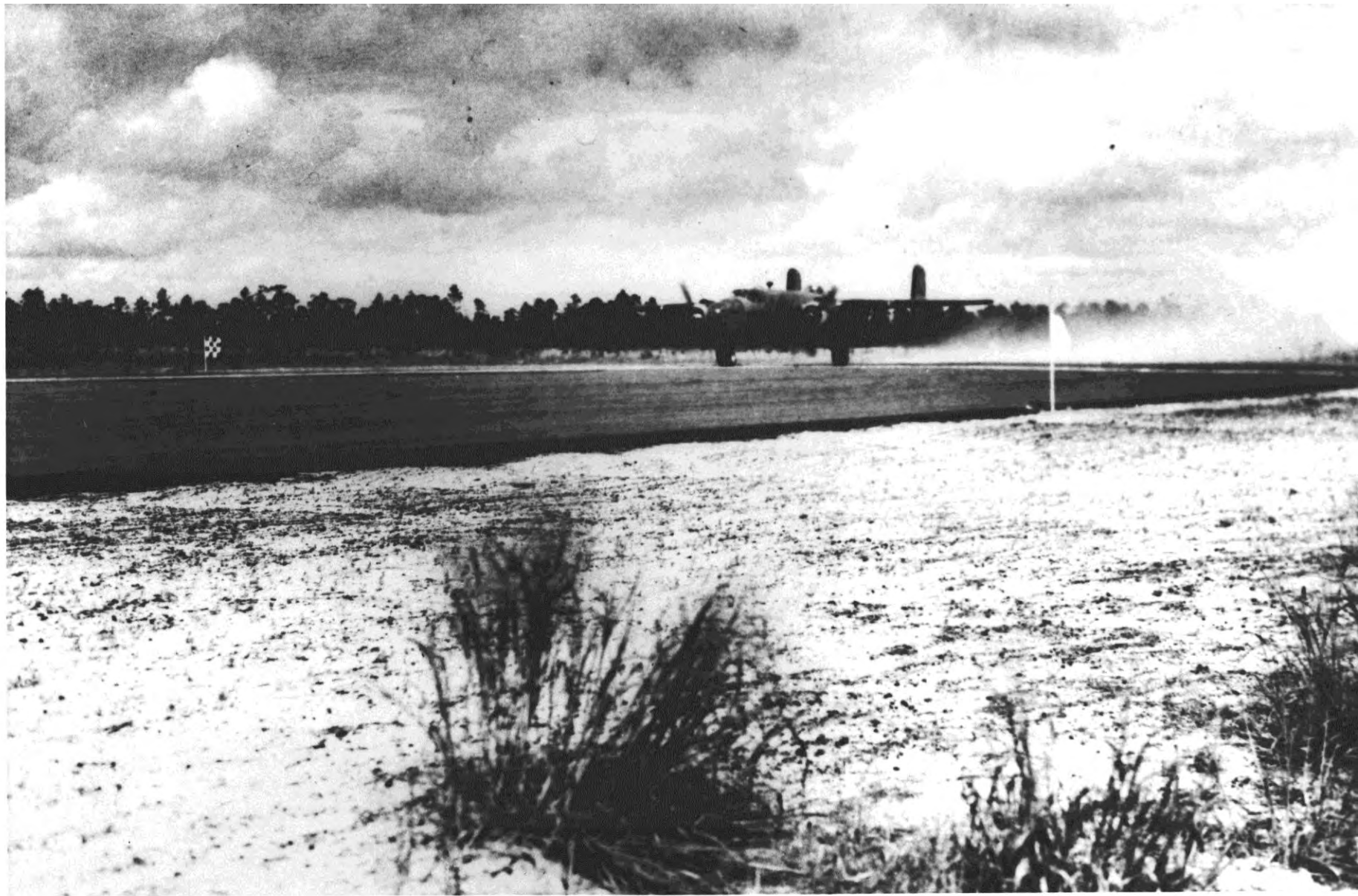
**Construction at Eglin Field just one day before the attack on Pearl Harbor**



**Jimmy Doolittle**



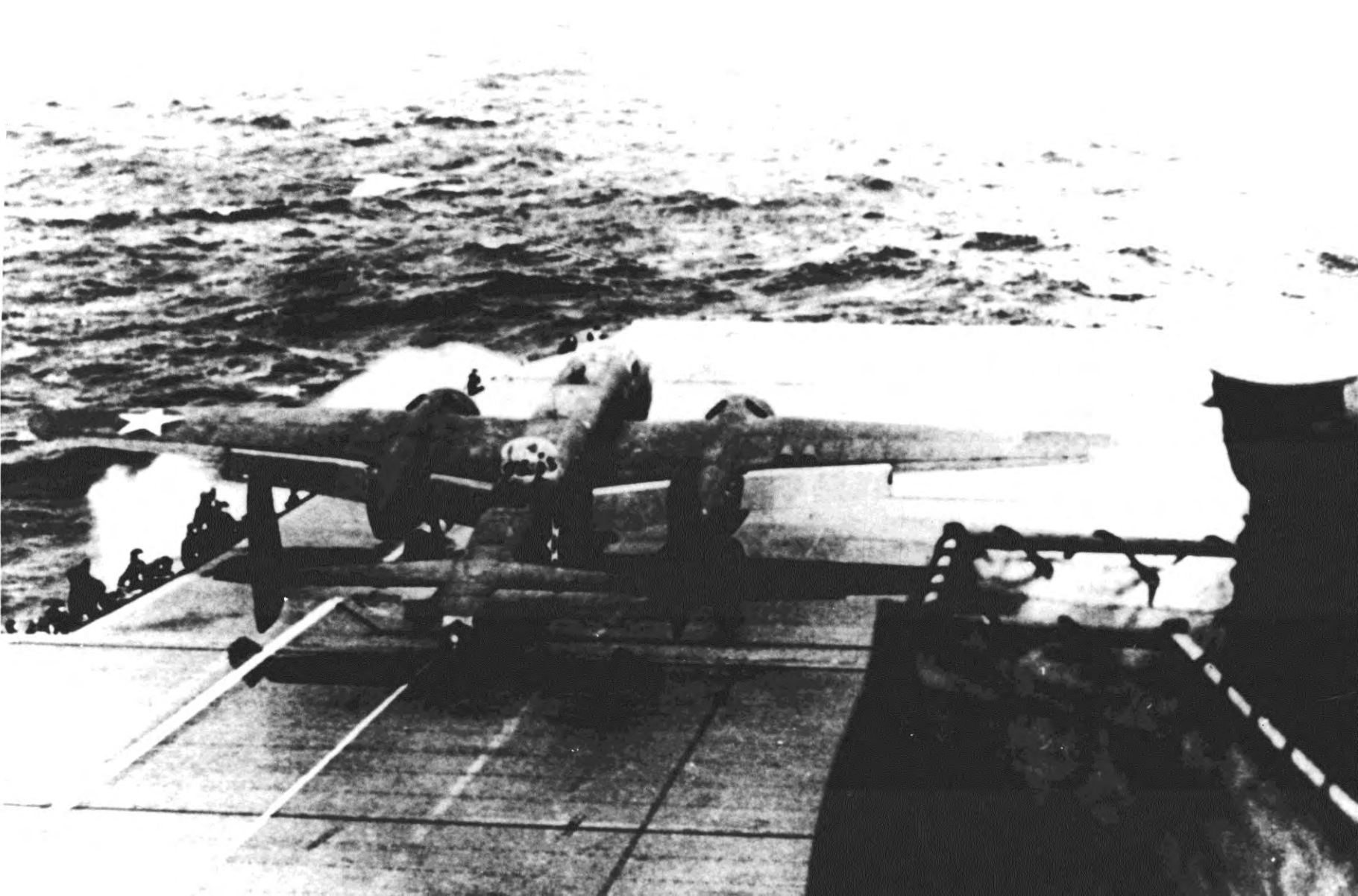
**Doolittle and unidentified officer viewing firepower demonstration Jul 42 at Eglin**



**B-25 practicing short runway take off, March 42. Believed to be the only photo of the training period at Eglin (from Stan Cohen's *Destination Tokyo*).**







**Doolittle raiders taking off for their mission from the USS Hornet on 18 April 1942**



**General Doolittle when he visited Eglin in October 1981. Taken at the former museum.**



**Col Grandison Gardner, Commanding Officer, 30 Mar 42-1 Jun 45**

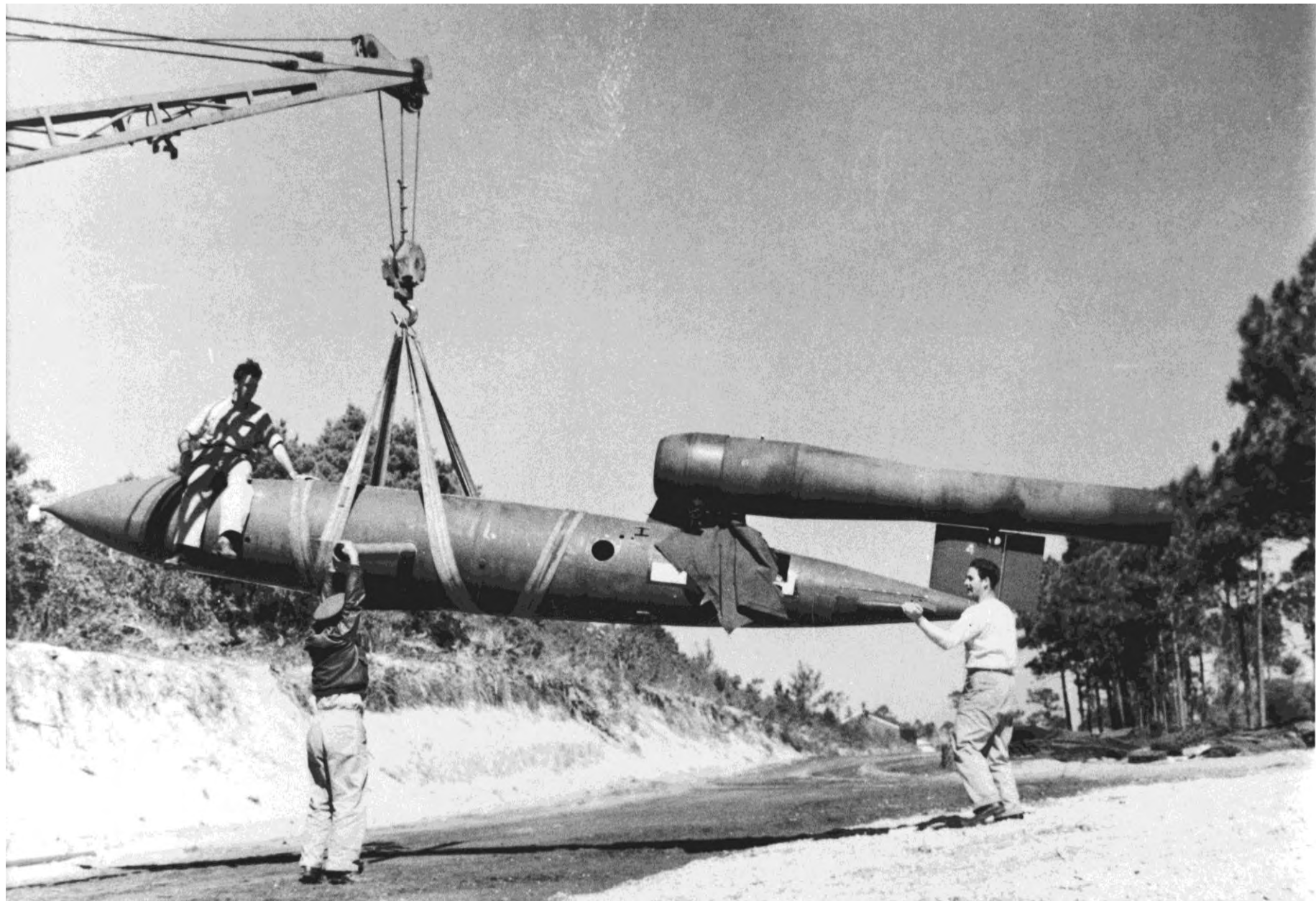




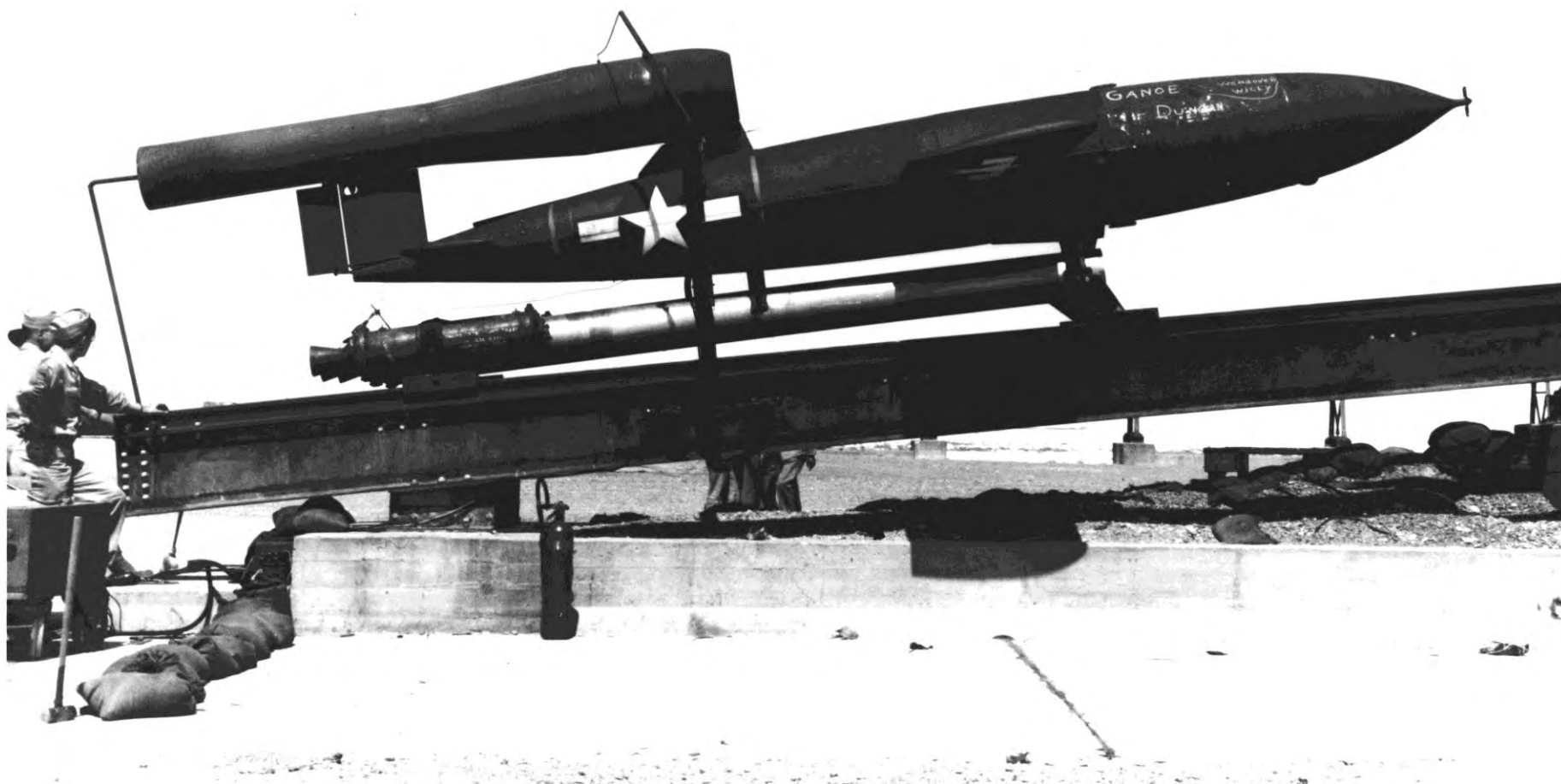
**Lt Gen H. H. "Hap" Arnold at a bombing demonstration 10 Jul 42. Left to right:  
General Arnold, Col Grandison Gardner, Proving Ground Commander; BG Doolittle;  
BG M.S. Fairchild; and BG St. Clair Streett**



**Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, and Colonel Gardner in Oct 1942**

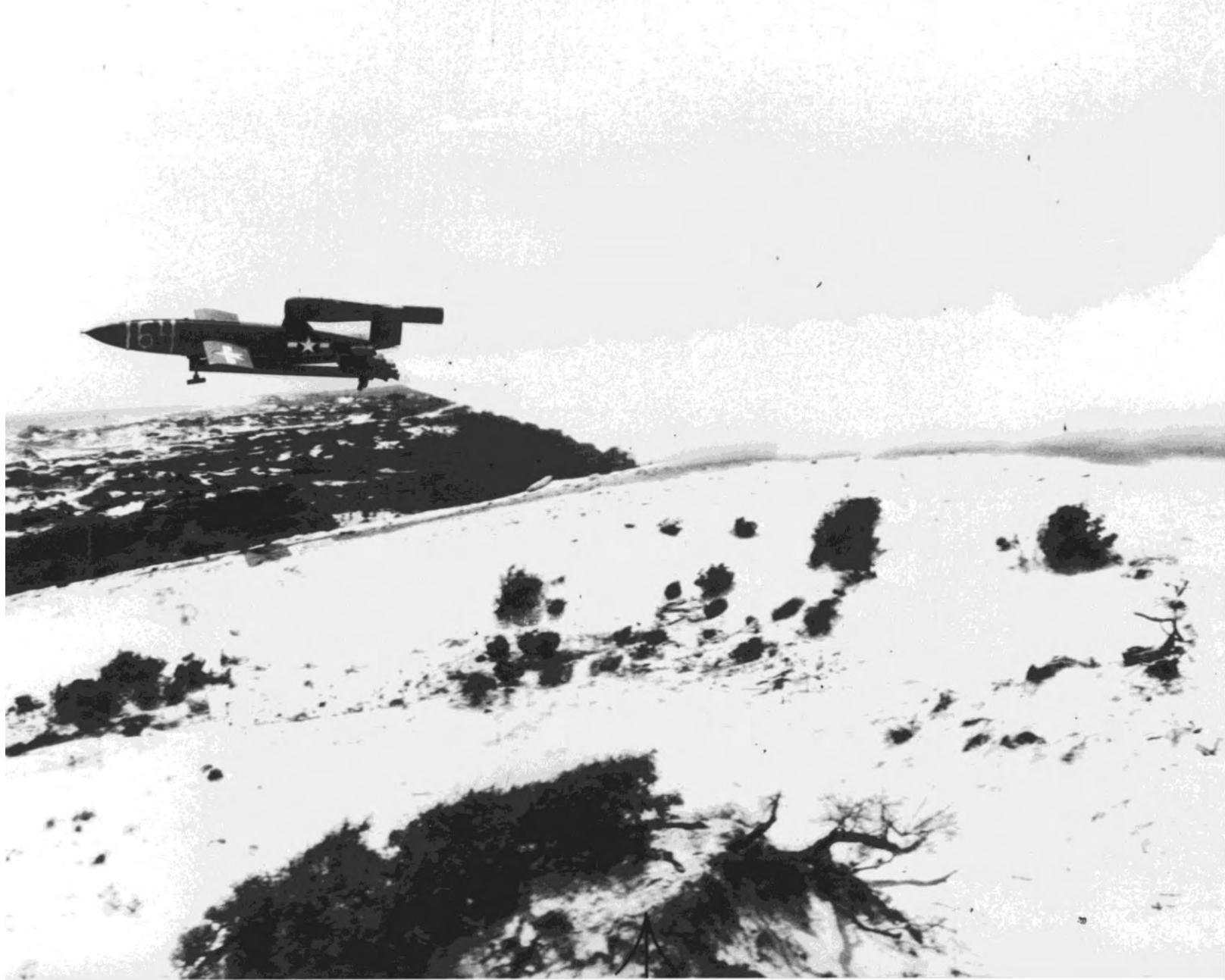


**Moving the JB-2**



**Preparing to launch the JB-2**





**JB-2 in flight**

JB-2

Old German V-1 "Buzz Bomb"  
Surface-to-surface  
Missile.



**Col John F. Whiteley, Commanding Officer, 1 Jun 45-19 Jul 46**



**Construction progress on Climatic Hanger, May 1945**





**Victory Day Parade, August 1945**



**Maj Gen Donald A. Wilson, Commanding General, 19 Jul 1946-24 Oct 1946**



**Brig Gen Carl A. Brandt, Commanding General, 24 Oct 46-6 Aug 48**



**Maj Gen William E. Kepner, Commanding General, 6 Aug 48-28 Jul 50**

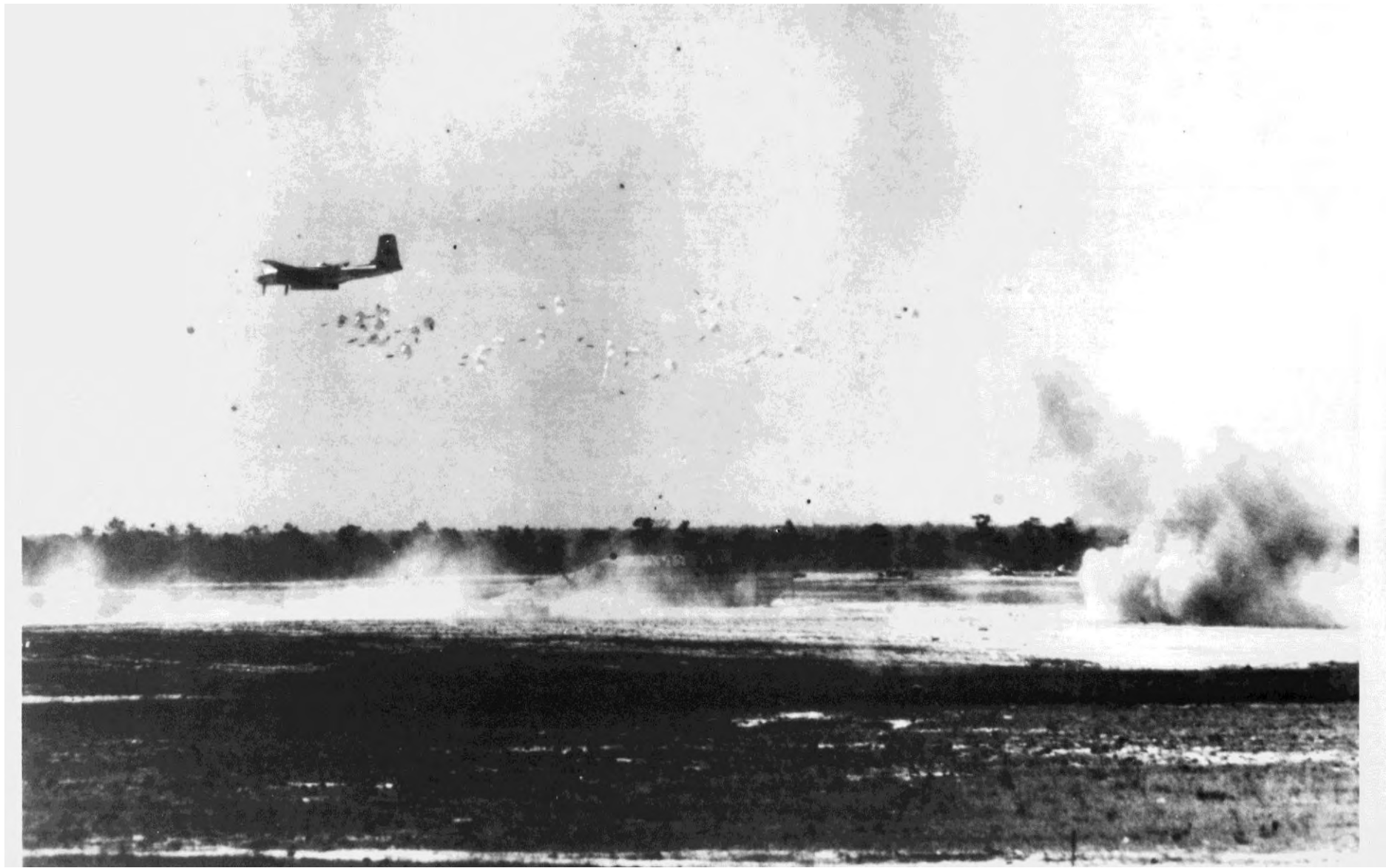




**Dedication of Johnson Hall in December 1949**



**General Kepner escorting President Truman and party, April 1950**



**B-26 dropping parafrag bombs on a water target during a 1950 firepower demo**



**Helicopter rescue—part of April 1950 Firepower Demo**





**Maj Gen Bryant L. Boatner, Commanding General, 28 Jul 50-27 Jul 52**



**Air Proving Ground Command Emblem**



**The Eglin railroad freight line was dedicated in February 1952**



**Maj Gen Patrick W. Timberlake, Commander, 27 Jul 52-6 Apr 55**





**The Eglin AFB flight line in the early 1950s**





**Aerial view of the Climatic Lab**



**The Air Force Armament Center's new Engineering building was dedicated to Lt Gen Frank Andrews' memory in April 1954.**



**Brig Gen Daniel S. Campbell, Commander, 6 Apr 55-27 Jun 55**



**Major Lyle King**





**The King Hangar**



**Maj Gen Robert W. Burns, Commander, 27 Jun 55-21 Jul 58**



**A static display on the Eglin Flightline in May 1957**





**Air Proving Ground Center emblem**





**Maj Gen Joe W. Kelley, Commander, 21 Jul 58-1 Jun 60**



**The Andrews Engineering Building in 1958**



**Johnson Hall in the late 1950s**



**Spotting tower, site A-16, in 1958**





**Range 72 sled track in 1958**



**Maj Gen Robert H. Terrill, Commander, 26 Aug 60-8 Aug 61**



**In 1961, Eglin was performing developmental testing on the BOMARC missile**



**Maj Gen Robert H. Warren, Commander, 1 Jun 60-26 Aug 60/2 Nov 61-22 Jun 62.**





**President Kennedy and USAF Chief of Staff Gen Curtis E. LeMay**





**Col Herbert M. West, Jr., Acting Commander, 8 Aug 61-2 Nov 61/22 Jun 62-1 Jul 62.**



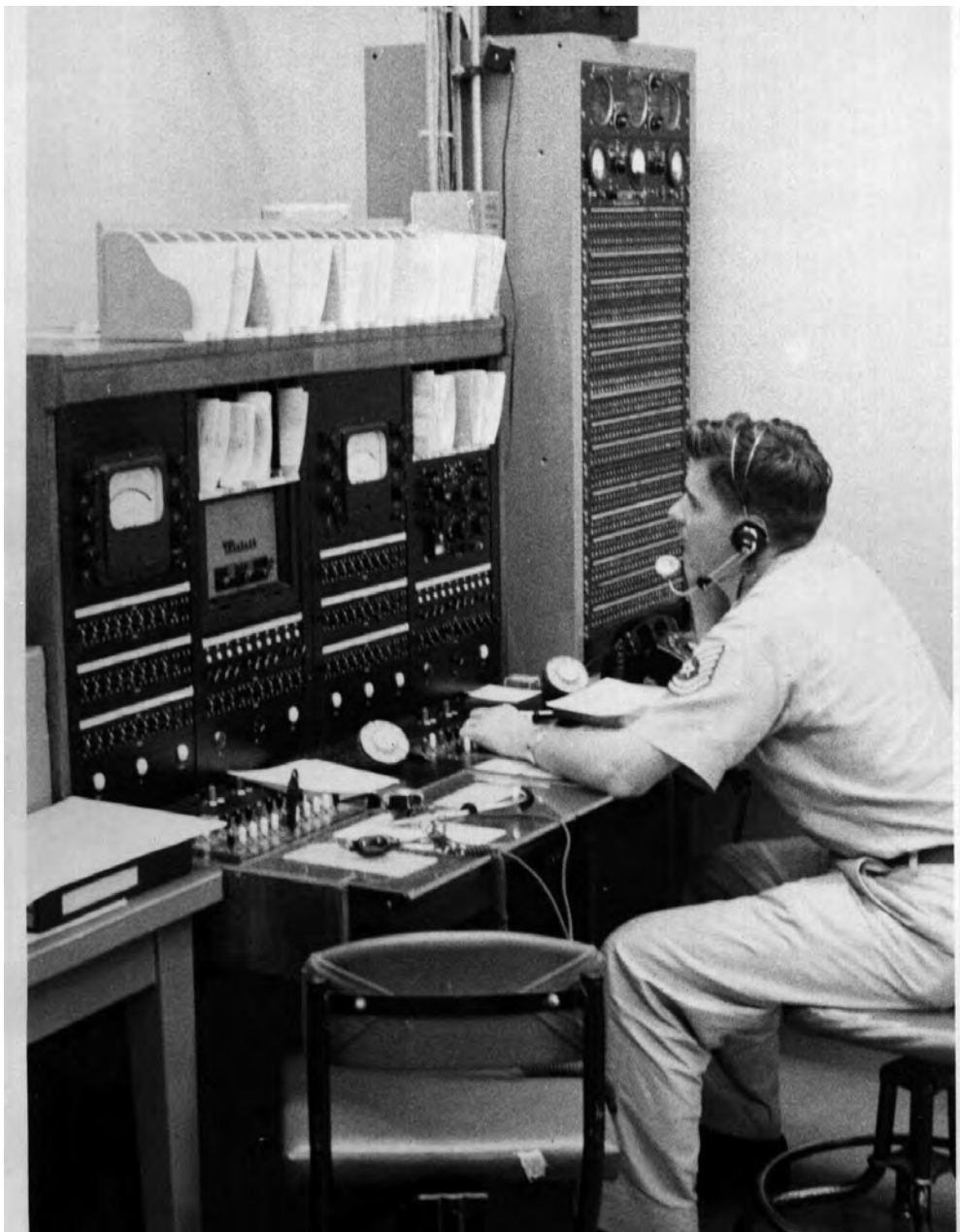


**New Eglin telephone switchboard in early 1960s**





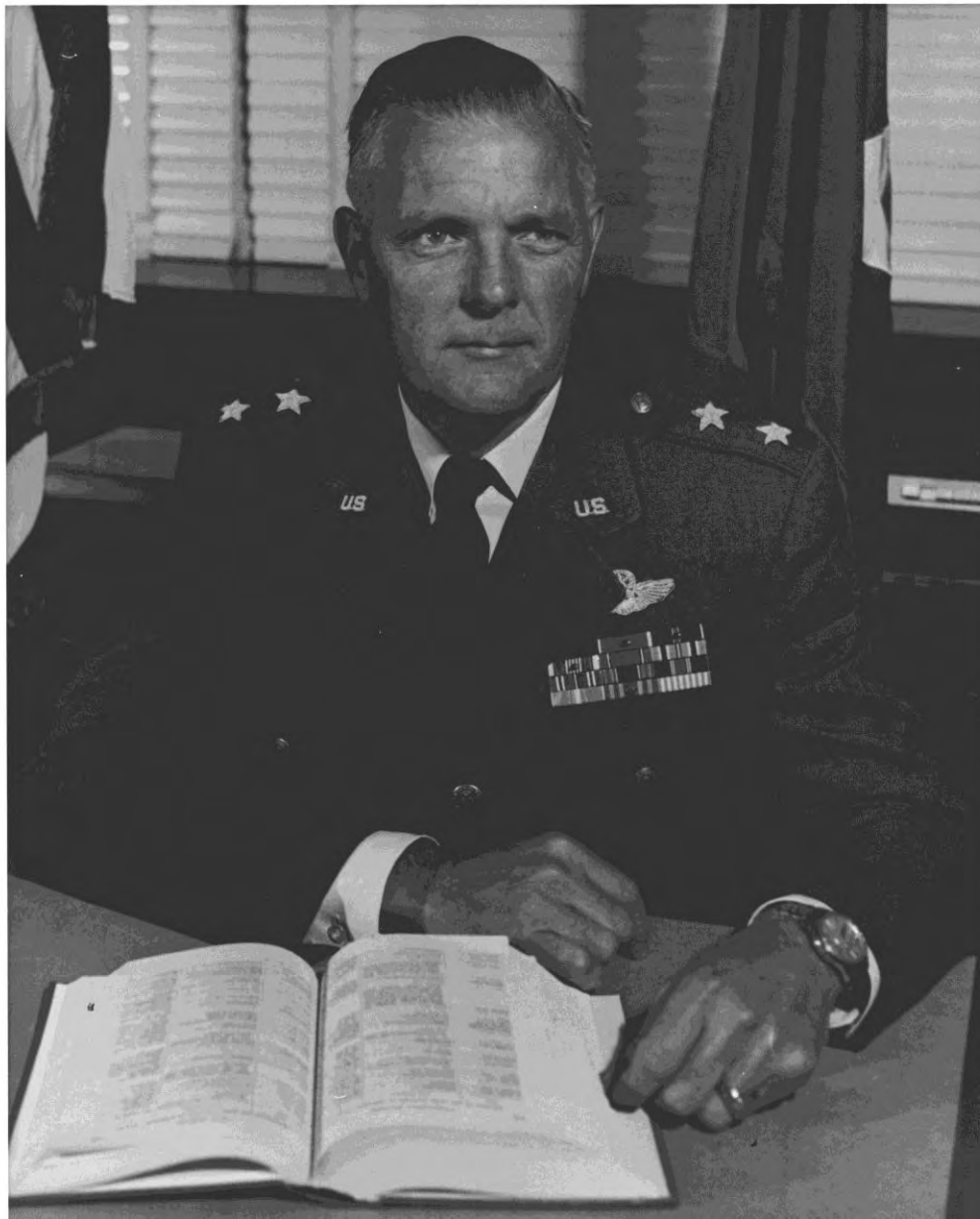
**New telephone exchange building after the switch to new system  
(3201st Communications Squadron)**



**Telephone test board—early 1960s.**

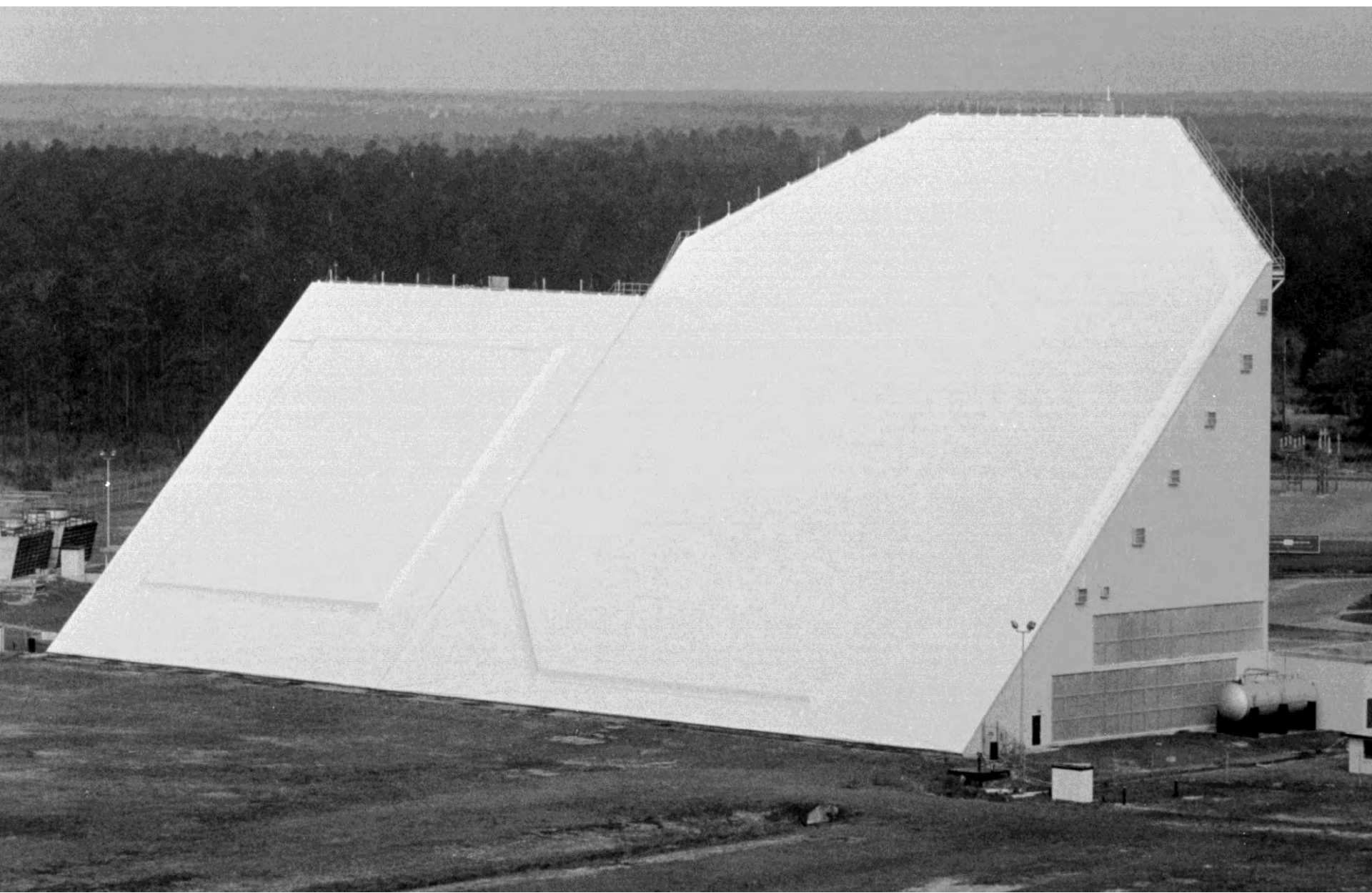


**Maj Gen James E. Roberts, Commander, 1 Jul 62-1 Aug 66**



**Maj Gen Andrew J. Kinney, Commander, 1 Aug 66-1 Aug 69**





**Space Track satellite detection and tracking phased array radar at Site C-6, 35 miles from Eglin main. Destroyed by fire in Jan 1965, it was rebuilt in 1966.**



**Armament Development & Test Center emblem**



**Maj Gen Jewell C. Maxwell, Commander, 1 Aug 69-1 Nov 72**





**Training at Eglin for the Son Tay raid**





**Training at Eglin for the Son Tay raid**





**Scale model of the Son Tay POW facility**



**Ranger training**





**Ranger training**





**Airman's Club located near east gate during the 1970s**



**Maj Gen Henry B. Kucheman, Jr., Commander, 1 Nov 72-1 Sep 75**



**The original Armament Museum located on base**



**The processing center for Operation New Arrival--1975**





**Aerial view of the Operation New Arrival center--1975**



**Vietnamese refugees arriving in 1975**



**Vietnamese refugees arriving in 1975**



**Maj Gen Howard M. Lane, Commander, 1 Sep 75-17 Aug 78**





**3246th Test Wing photo—probably late 1970s**



**F-15s of the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing**



**Maj Gen Robert M. Bond, Commander, 17 Aug 78-18 May 81**



Armament Division emblem





**Cuban refugees arriving during Red, White, and Blue, 1980**



**Aerial view of the Red, White, and Blue reception center**



**Airman with one of the Cuban refugees**

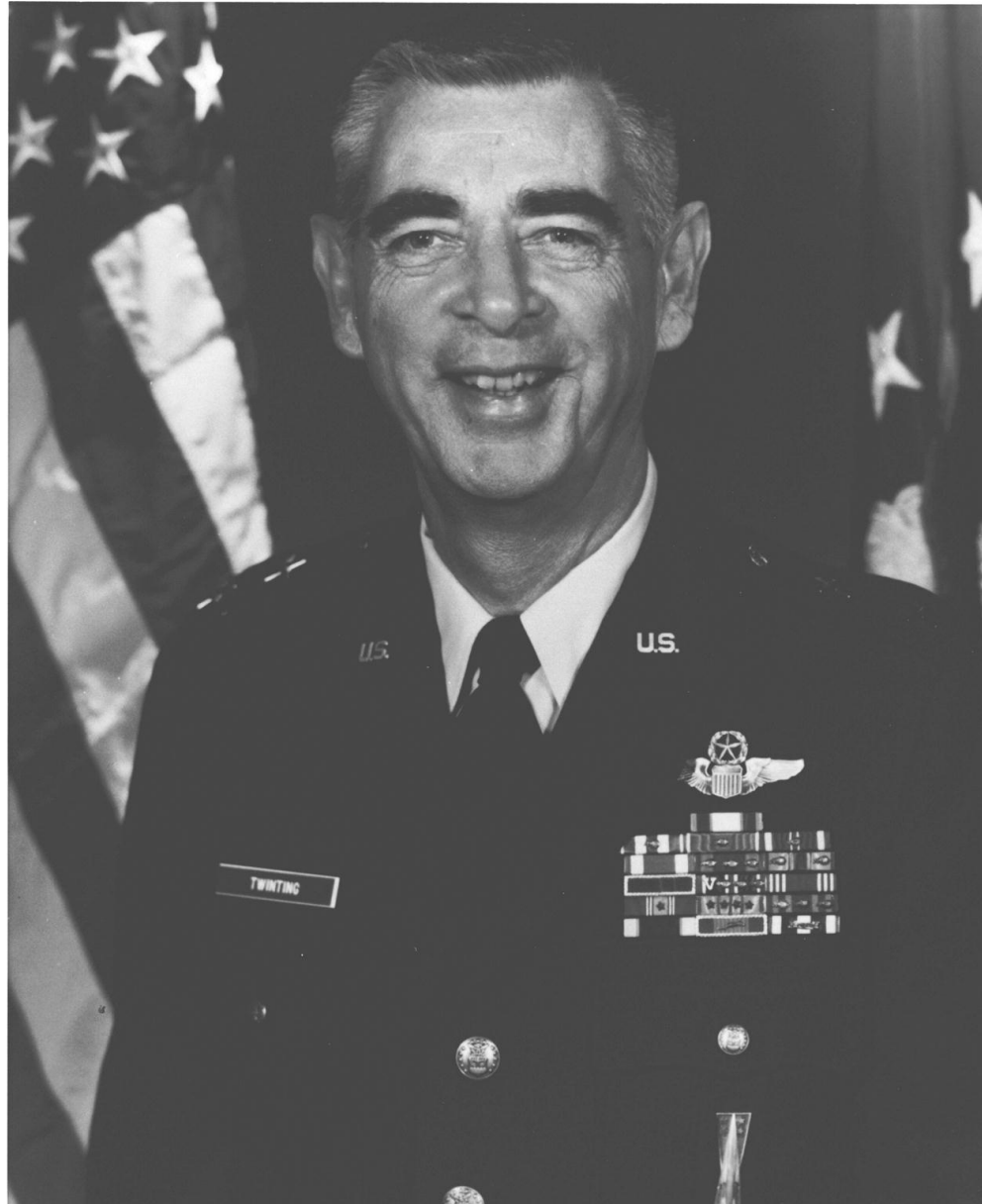


**Armament Division F-4 around 1980.**





**Maj Gen William B. Maxson, Commander, 18 May 81-23 Aug 83**



**Maj Gen William T. Twinting, Commander, 23 Aug 83-1 Jul 85**



**Maj Gen Gordon E. Fornell, 1 Jul 85-20 Jan 87**



**The new Armament Museum opened in November 1985. The 28,000 square foot facility was built with private funds and turned over to the Air Force. The previous museum, located on base near the East Gate, had closed in 1981 due to insufficient funding.**

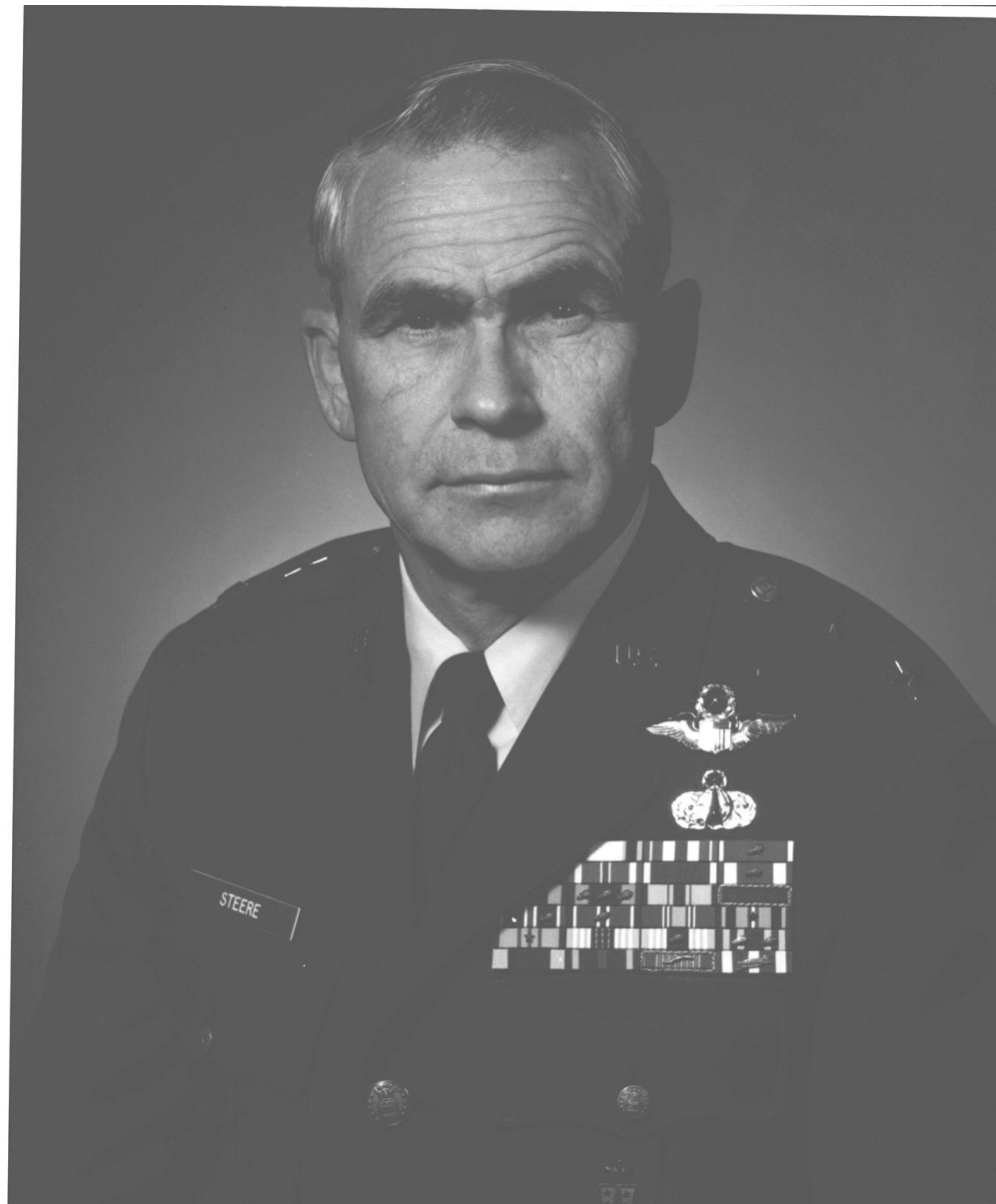




**The first test launch of an AMRAAM at Eglin was in December 1986. There had been previous launches elsewhere.**



**An F-16 launching an AMRAAM missile during testing in 1985**



**Maj Gen Richard E. Steere, Commander, 20 Jan 87-30 Aug 88**





**Munitions Systems Division emblem**





**Maj Gen Kenneth E. Staten, Commander, 30 Aug 88-12 Jul 91**



**Air Force Development Test Center emblem**



**Maj Gen Michael J. Butchko, Jr., Commander, 12 Jul 91-2 May 93**



**Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM)**





**JDAMs**



**Maj Gen Stewart E. Cranston, Commander, 2 May 93-Dec 97**



**President Clinton delivers his memorial service speech to more than 5,000 visitors and military members paying tribute to 12 fallen Eglin airmen.**





**Attendees of the memorial service mourn the loss of 12 Eglin airmen in the Khobar Towers bombing.**





**Maj Gen Michael C. Kostelnik, Dec 97-14 Dec 01**

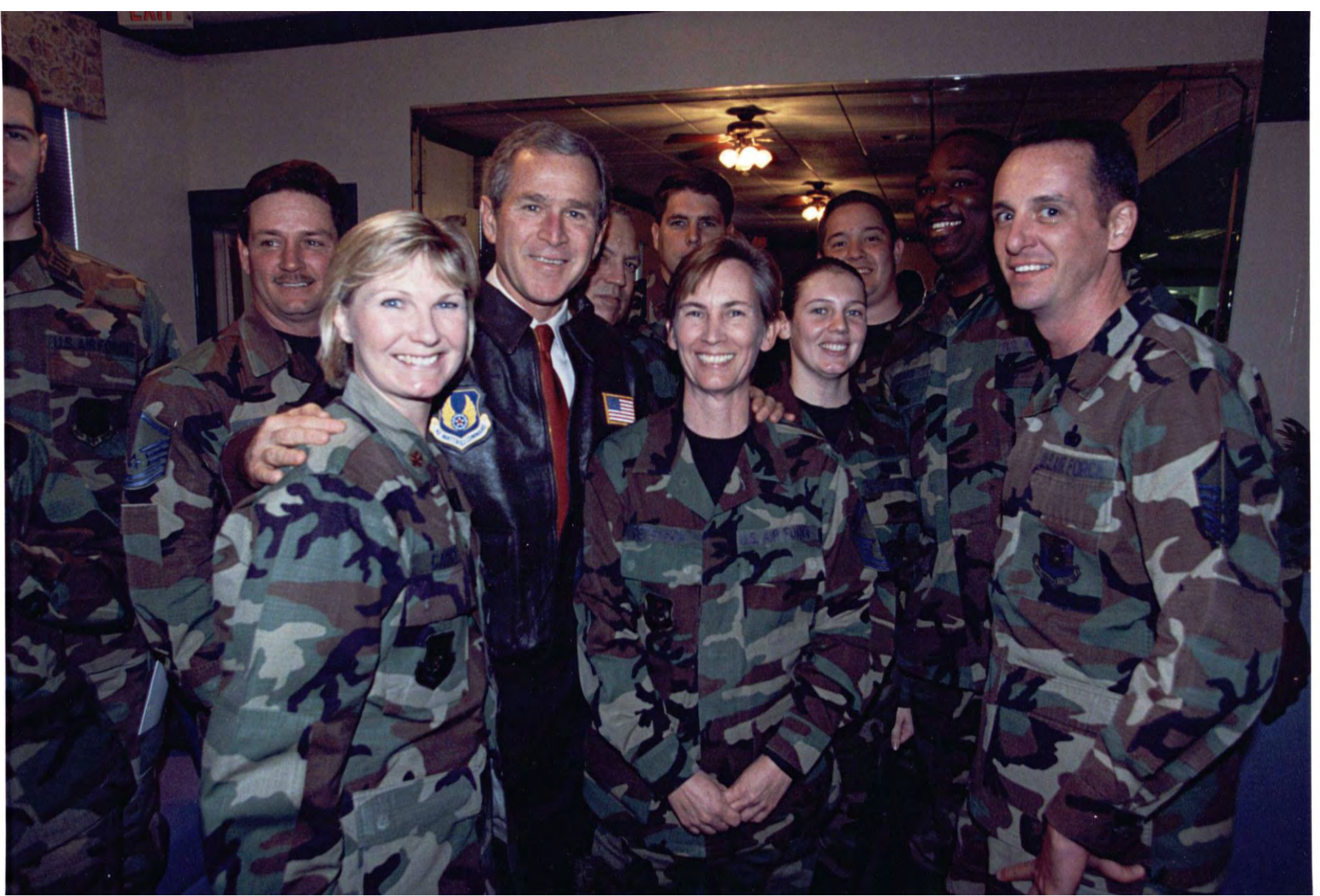


**Air Armament Center emblem**



**Maj Gen Robert W. Chedister, 14 Dec 01-present**





**President Bush at Eglin, February 2002**





**Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB)**

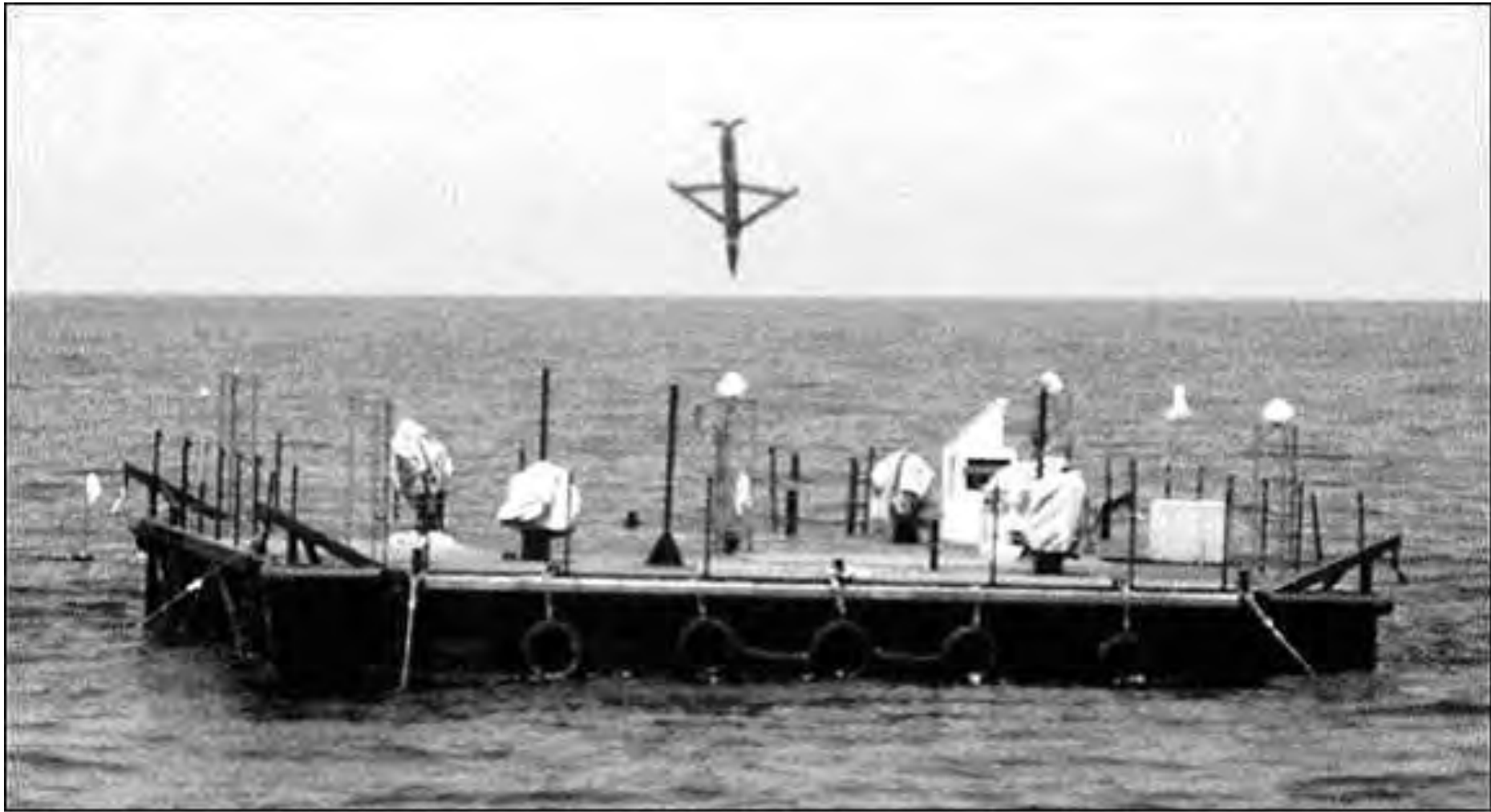


**Loading MOAB on a C-130**



**Eglin F-15E carrying Small Diameter Bombs**





**This June 2, 2004 photo provided by the U.S. Air Force shows a Small Diameter Bomb heading for a target barge in the Gulf of Mexico about 20 miles south of Fort Walton Beach. Eglin Air Force Base used barges to test long-range experimental air-to-ground weapons to avoid releasing them over populated areas.**