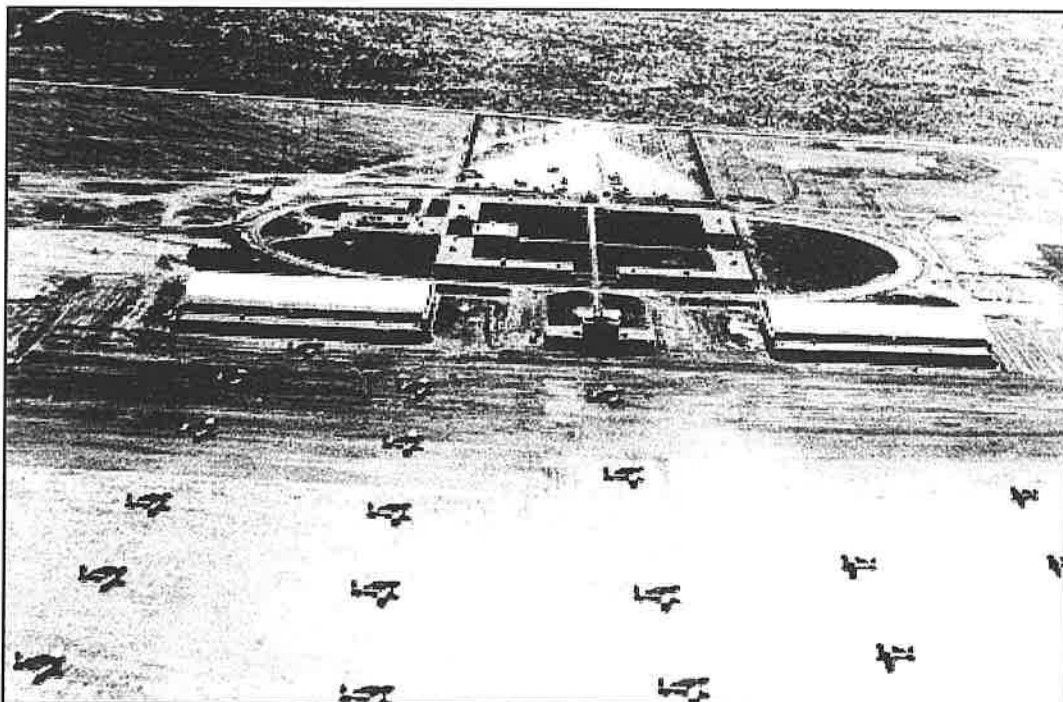




Southwest Airways instructor Fred Merha



RAF cadet Jack May, Course 12 Good view of Falcon emblem on hangar No. 1 west face



Aerial view of Falcon Field looking South



Army Air Corps Class 43-B1(Course 13) Falcon Field, May 1943, cadet Richard Wagner in front row left



Boeing PT-17 Stearman, the primary trainer used at Falcon Field



RAF Course 12 pose for class photo



RAF Cadet Geoffrey Britten (Course 20) stands beside a giant suguaro cactus



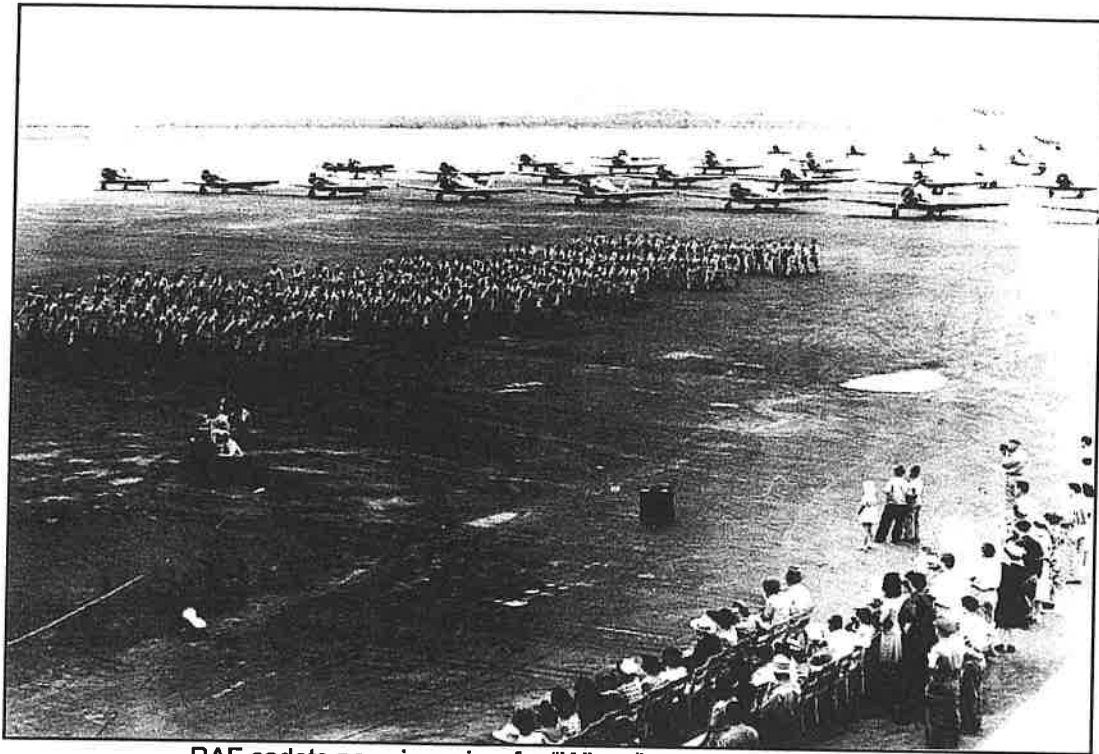
Graduation party at the Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix. Instructor David Thiele (4th from right rear) and RAF cadets and their dates



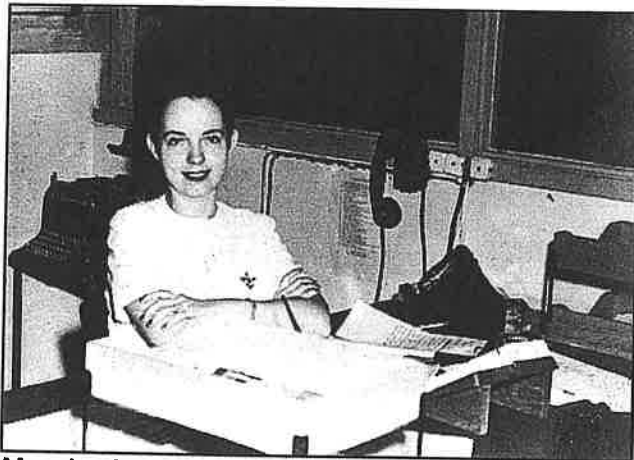
AAF Cadet Richard Wagner, Course 13



Jack Connelly and Leland Hayward, founders of Southwest Airway



RAF cadets pass in review for "Wings" parade at graduation



Mary Louise Turner of SWA's Flight Accounting Dept.



Actress Gene Tierney in powder blue suit she wore in a few scenes in the film "Thunderbirds"



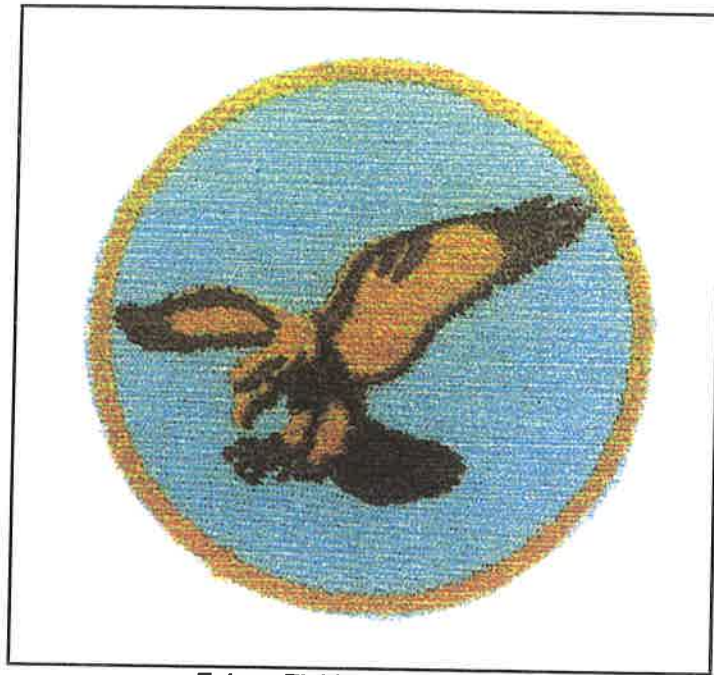
Commercial gas truck fueling a T-6 on flight line



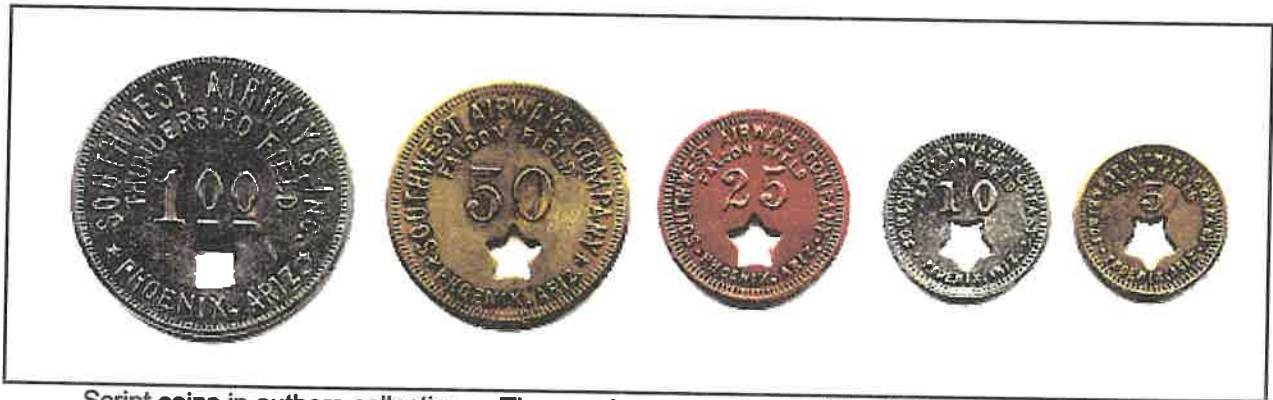
RAF Course 22-A poses for graduation photo



Parachute rigger Marty Birdman tests newly arrived chutes from factories such as "Ladies Undergarment Factory" and "Fashion Frocks Inc."



Falcon Field shoulder patch



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