

Camp Beal, CA, Co. A, reception Center, Station 14, 9/10-9/19/46.

This is where Bill arrived by overnight train from Santa Ana, CA after enlisting 4 days earlier.

Bill enlisted the Army Air force on September 6, 1946 at the age of 17 and 5 months, lacking one semester of graduating in the winter class of 47 from Verdugo Hills High School. He needed to enlist before December 31, 1946 to qualify for the GI Bill of Rights which would entitle him to a free college education which he needed to be able to attend Parks Air College in East St. Louis, IL to become an aeronautical engineer.

Here, he took the Army General Classification Test (AGCT) and scored 139, the approximate equivalent to an IQ of 125. He got his 1st vaccination and 2 shots. The next day, they receive about 100 lbs of uniforms which they had to carry about ½ a mile to their barracks. He sent his civvies home. He had to fill out many papers, including an application for \$10,000 of life insurance. He got his first military haircut here, and to his surprise, was told he could keep his long pompadour on top and had to shave only what showed under his cap. On KP duty, he cut is knuckle on a meat slicer which disqualified him from any more KP.

After 11 days at camp Beale, his group left by train for basic training in San Antonio, Texas. The train was 8 ancient troop cars pulled by an old steam engine. During the 3 1/2 day trip through the deserts, the old steam engine broke down west of Belen, NM, and while waiting for a new engine, they had to eat left over beans and franks on paper plates. When they ran out of plastic spoons, they had to cut up paper plates into 8 makeshift spoons. Finally a huge Santa Fe diesel engine arrived and pulled those swaying old 8 cars at 70 miles an hour to Belen, NM for an overnight stay, then on to San Antonio TX for basic training.



Bill Stewart Basic Training
1946 - WWII

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ARMY AIR FORCE MILITARY TRAINING CAMP (MTC), San Antonio, Texas
6 weeks of Basic Training 9/23 to 11/19/1946



Training Camp Entrance



Military Drill Practice



Issuance of supplies



Physical Training (PT)



Chow line



Obstacle Course



Marching to Class



Firing Range



AIR TRAINING COMMAND

Be It Known That

PRIVATE WILLIAM S. STEWART, RA 19245248

Has Satisfactorily Completed The Prescribed Course of Training For

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT MECHANIC

Given at LOWRY FIELD, DENVER, COLORADO

From 25 November 1946 To 13 March 1947

In Testimony Whereof and By Virtue of Vested Authority I Do Confer Upon Him This

DIPLOMA

Given on this 13th *day of* March, *one thousand nine hundred and forty* seven.

Attested Robert L. Moore

CAPTAIN AIR CORPS
SCHOOL SECRETARY

THOMAS M. LOWE, Brigadier General, USA
Commanding



We got off the train from Texas in 4 feet of snow. Most in the school got the flu from inadequate heat in the barracks and little morning hot water.



As the snow thawed,
Lighter clothing worn.
Typical barracks behind

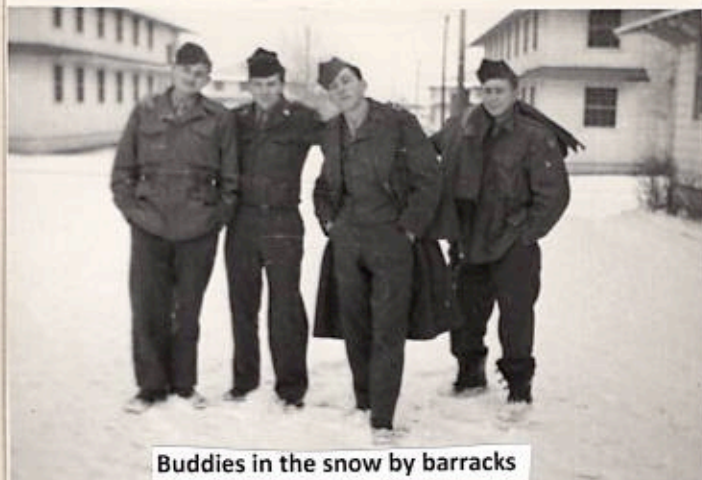


This is the Army Air Force
Before the blue uniforms
Best Bldg is this guard house.

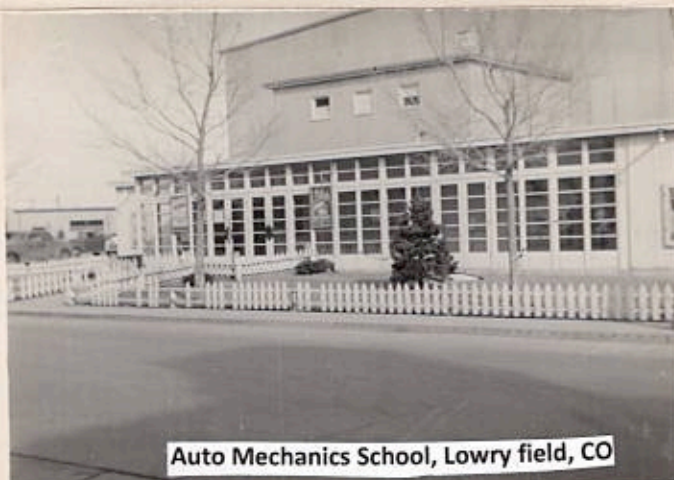
AIR TRAINING COMAND (ATC) LOWRY FIELD, COLORADO
 FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL AIN Denver where Bill underwent experimental treatment for acne



P51, my all-time favorite airplane



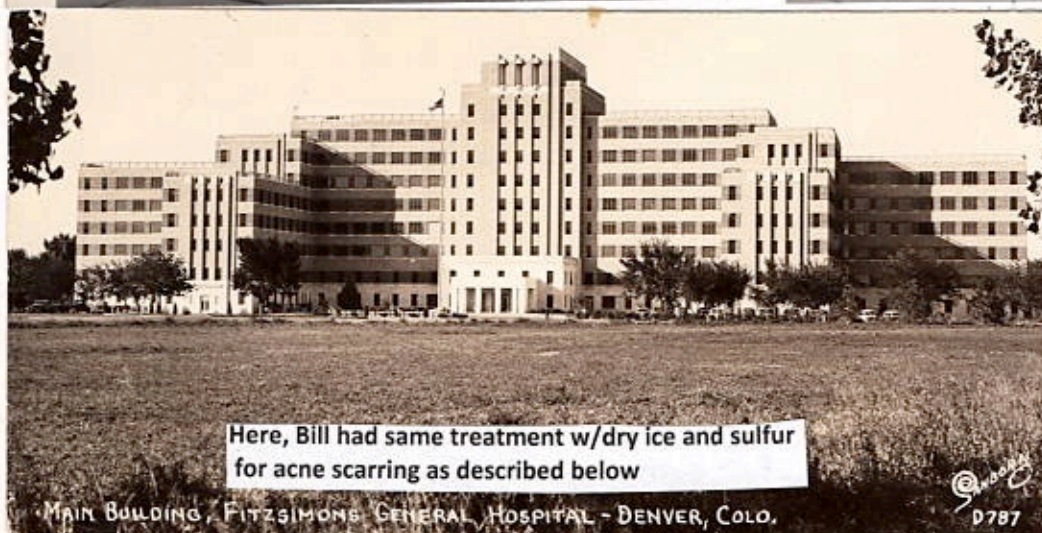
Buddies in the snow by barracks



Auto Mechanics School, Lowry field, CO



C47, Typical Air Transport plane



Here, Bill had same treatment w/dry ice and sulfur for acne scarring as described below

MAIN BUILDING, FITZSIMONS GENERAL HOSPITAL - DENVER, COLO.



Best Buddies since Basic Training

AT Manhattan's city-owned Bellevue Hospital, which dispenses free medical care to over 100,000 patients annually, New York University College of Medicine specialists are using dry ice to remove skin blemishes. First employed in skin therapy in 1907, solid carbon dioxide has long since graduated from the

experimental stage. A strawberry birthmark is shown just before application of dry ice which, wrapped in a towel to protect doctor's fingers, is held firmly over the blemish for a half minute. In spite of baby's tears, pain is only slight. The ice burn may be used to treat excessive scars and other skin conditions. The dry ice,

which also destroys common moles and warts, forms a black blood crust which later falls away, as new unmarred skin forms. Slush made from dry ice successfully removes post-acne scarring. N.Y.U. physicians caution against self-treatment and application of uncontrollable acid used by some quack "beauty institutes."

Sulfur

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April 14-23 1947

Hamilton Field, North of the Golden Gate Bridge. where Bill made
Private First Class (PFC) with a \$5 raise, Took AGCT test, scored 139, and was processed for overseas duty



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MOVING OUT OVERSEAS



April 14-23 1947, miscellaneous shots of Hamilton Field



Hamilton Planes, Hangers & Barracks