



# Lockbourne AFB



1956-1964

**Lockbourne  
Visiting Officers  
Quarters (VOQ)**

**VOQ # 20. Gus Letto lived here for his first month at Lockbourne.**



**Lockbourne  
Bachelor Officers  
Quarters (BOQ)**



**Lt. Ed Brawley and WO Al Rakstis in a room at the BOQ.**



## BOQ 18 Room 36, ready for inspection.

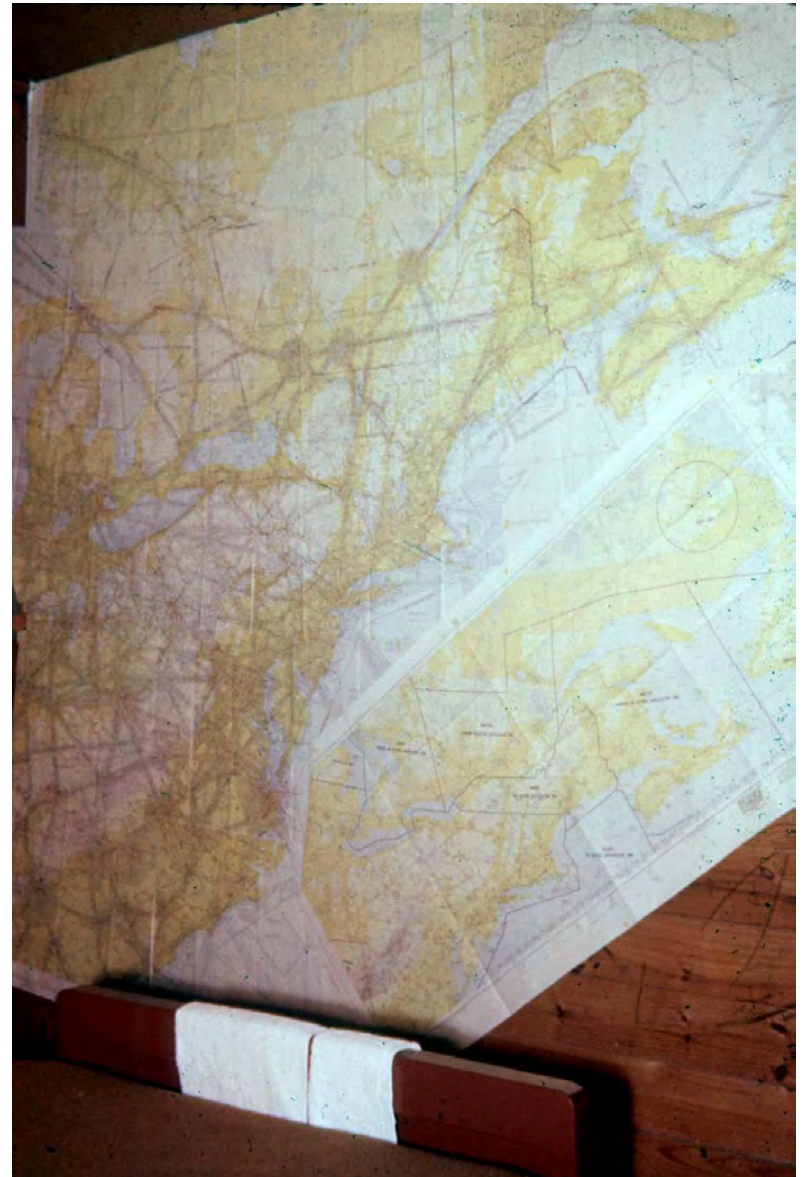




## BOQ 18 Room 36. No wallboard or paint in the BOQ rooms.



There were plenty of aeronautical charts available for decoration.





## Gus Letto's first brand-new car, a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air.



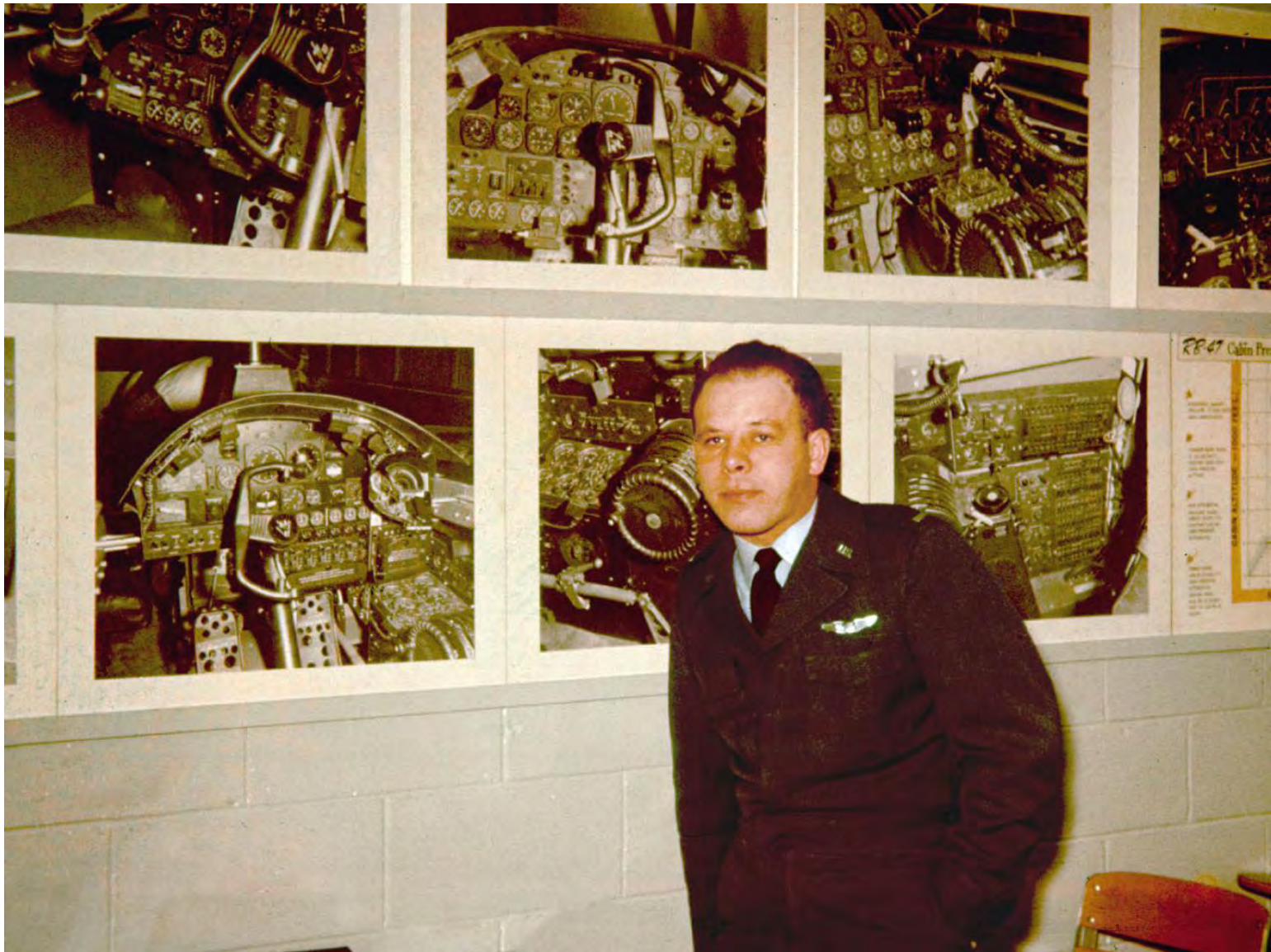
# **Earlybird Training Program**



# Simulator class in Operation Earlybird, on base training for new B-47 copilots.

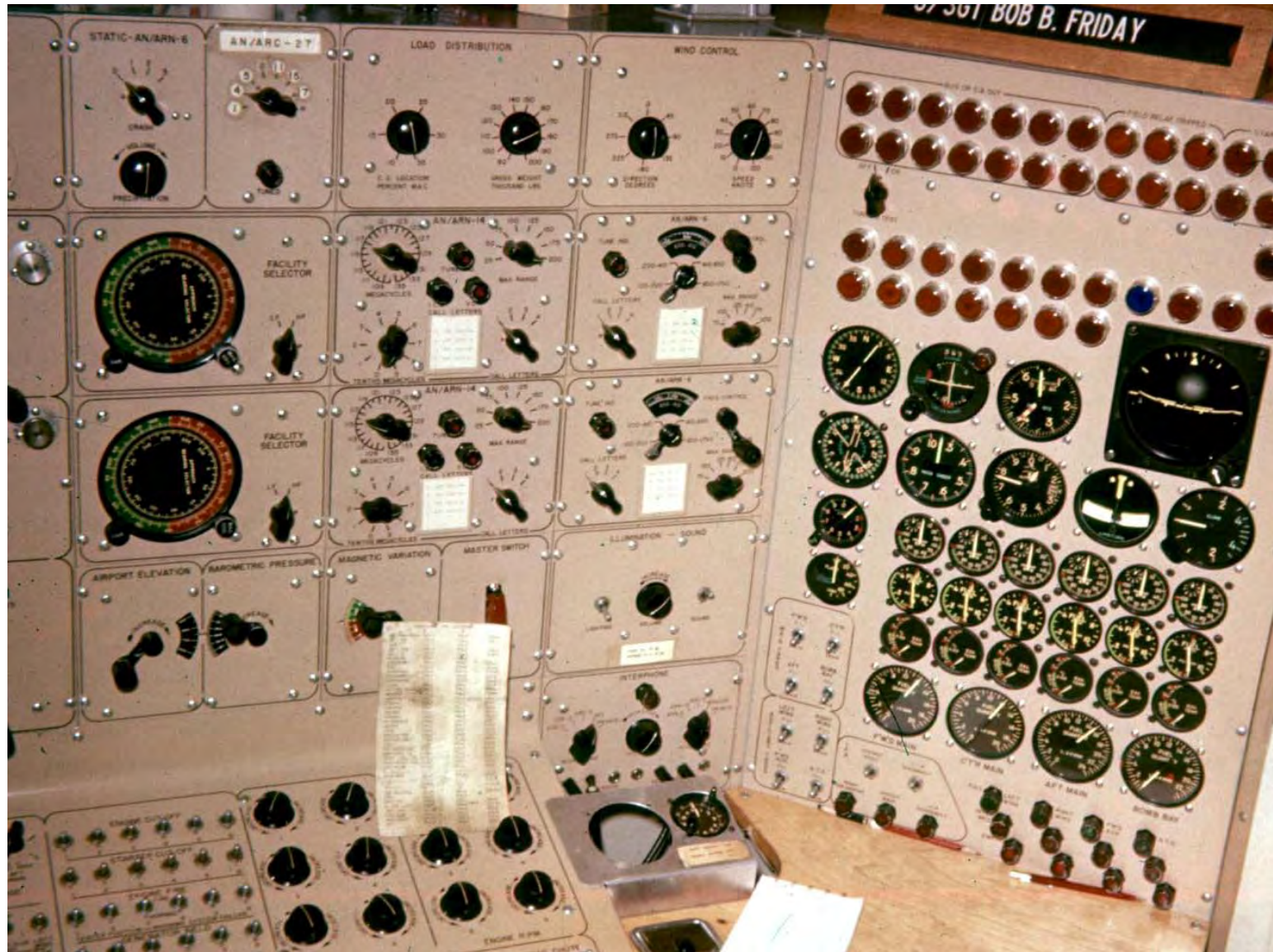


# John “Jack” Evanko in simulator class room.



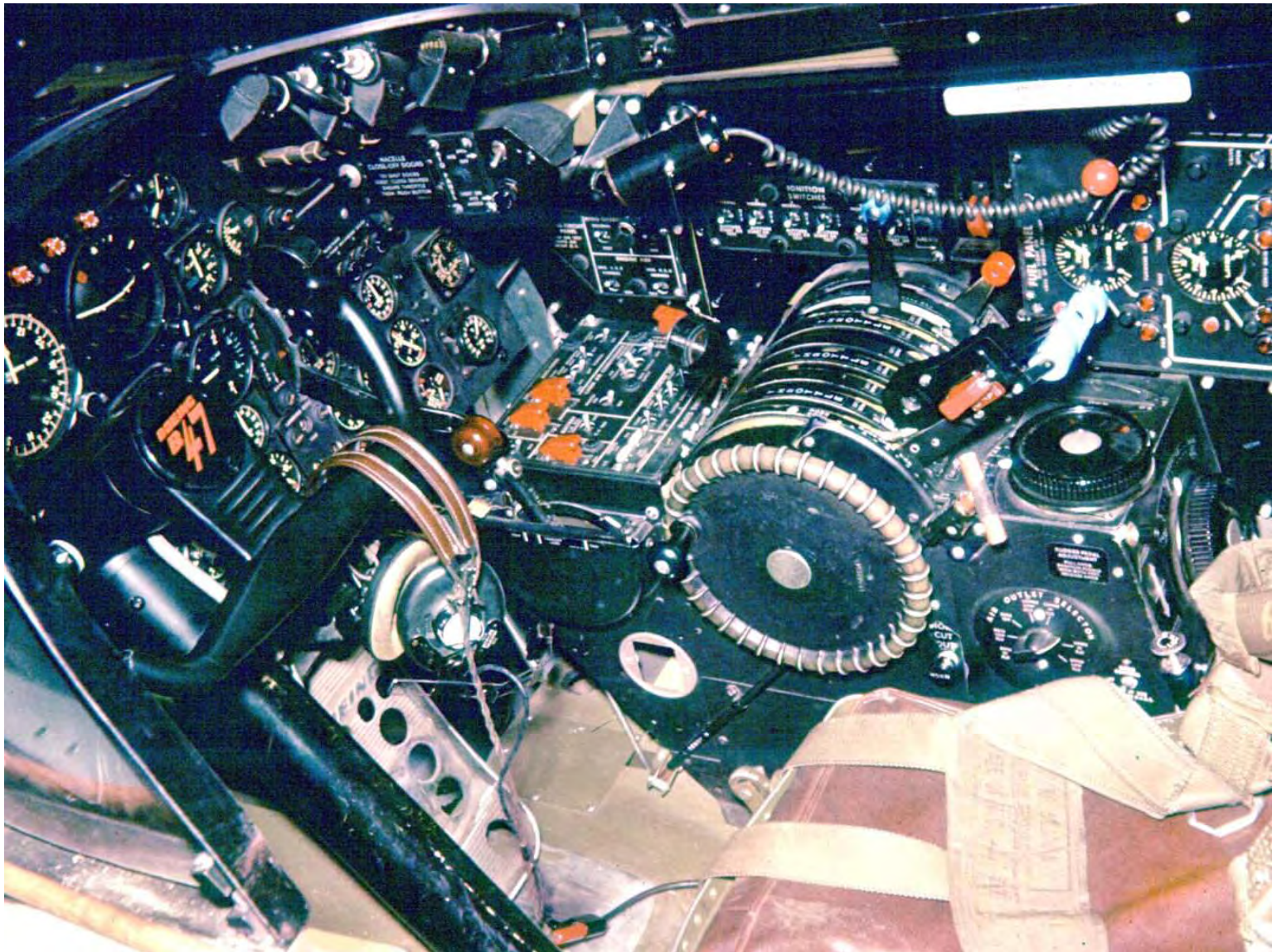


# Control panel, RB-47 simulator.





# Cockpit, RB-47 simulator.





# **Pistol Qualification**

## **Early 1956**

## Pistol qualification at firing range, early 1956.





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**Koch, Bob Walts, Wes Fry, Barney Calligan, Vacarro, range monitor.**

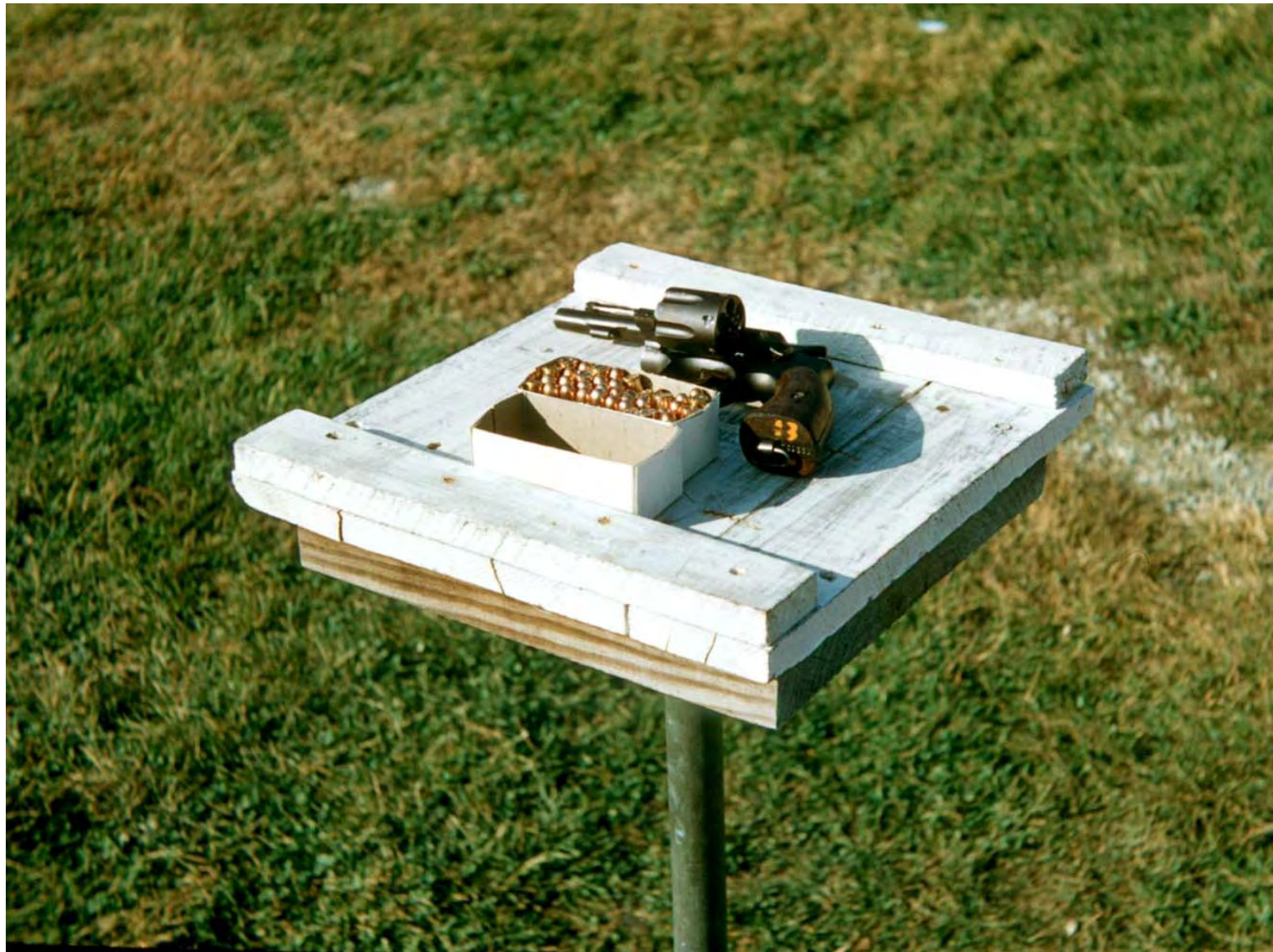


# 'Deadeye' Roloff





**Standard issue 4-inch, .38 caliber pistol.**





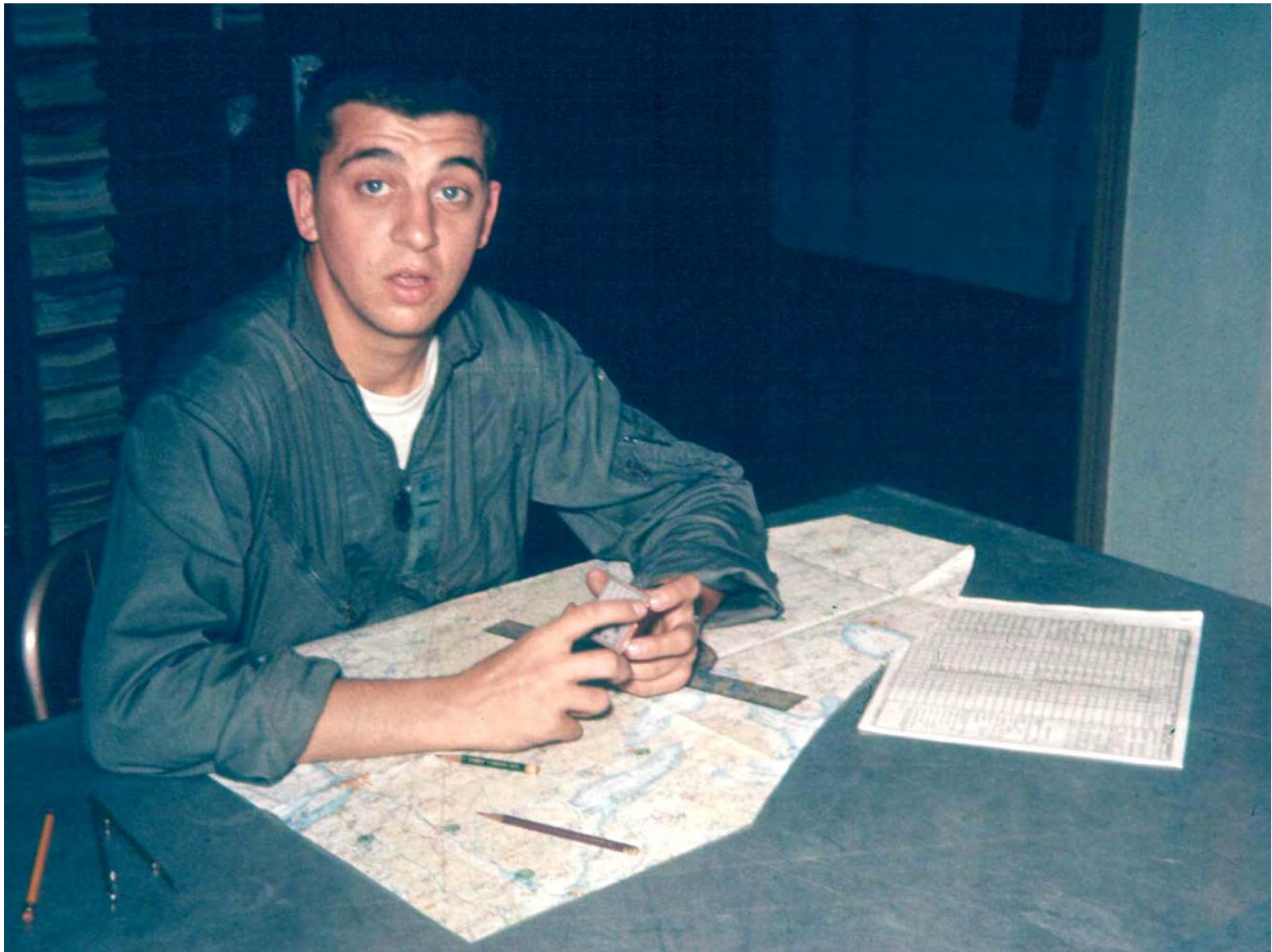
**Roloff and Koch?, shooting it out.**





# **4th SRS Squadron Operations**

## Don Weibel, mission planning.





## Building a new partition in the 4<sup>th</sup> SRS 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt's office.



**Barney Calligan, leaving 4<sup>th</sup> SRS Headquarters building.**





## Bob Walts in officers locker room.





**A/1C Wayne Weddle, 4<sup>th</sup> SRS squadron clerk.**





# **RB-47Es**

## **In Flight**

**4<sup>th</sup> SRS RB-47E with APQ-56 side looking radar radome.**

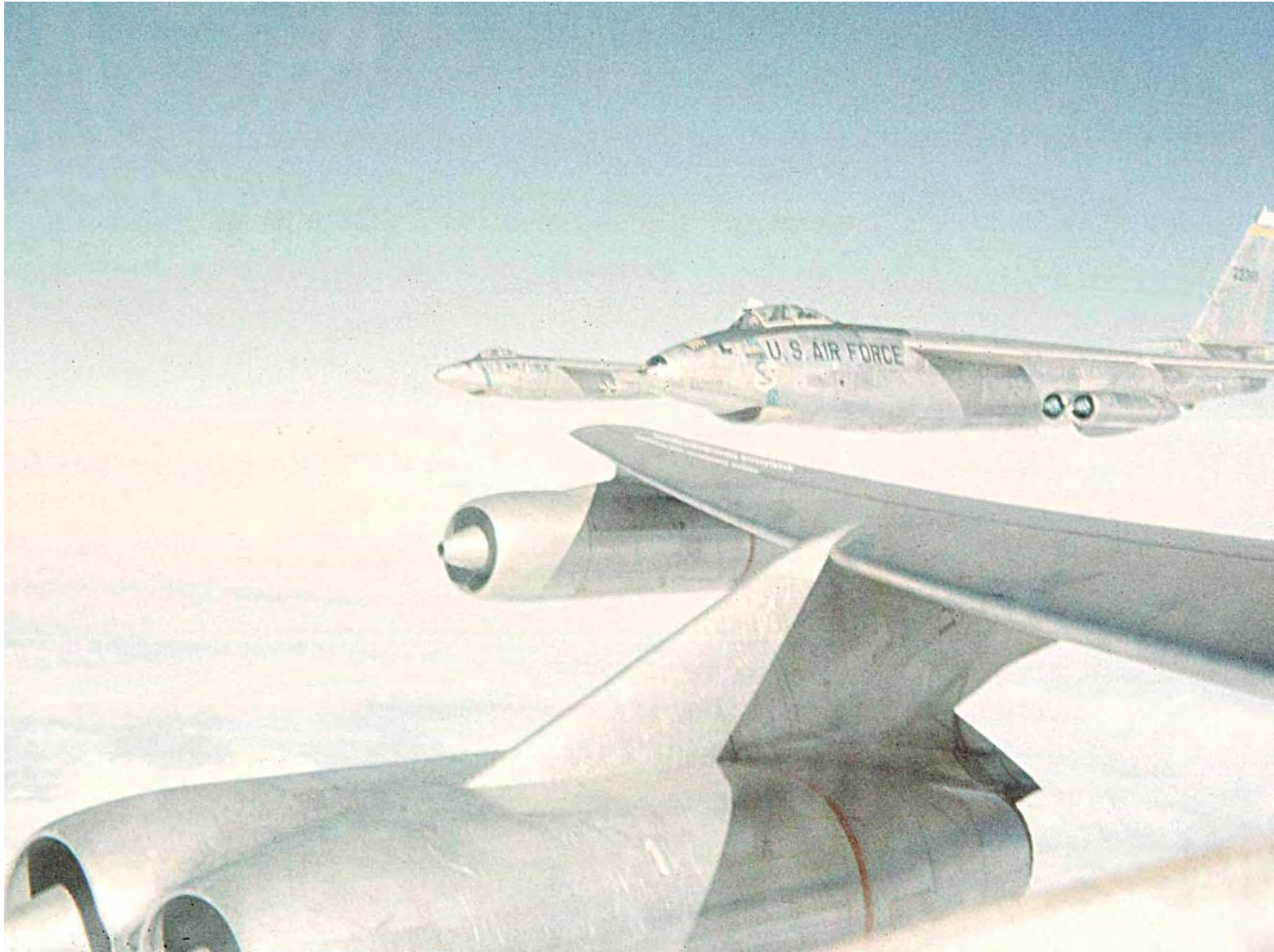




**RB-47E 52-716 with APQ-56 radome. \***

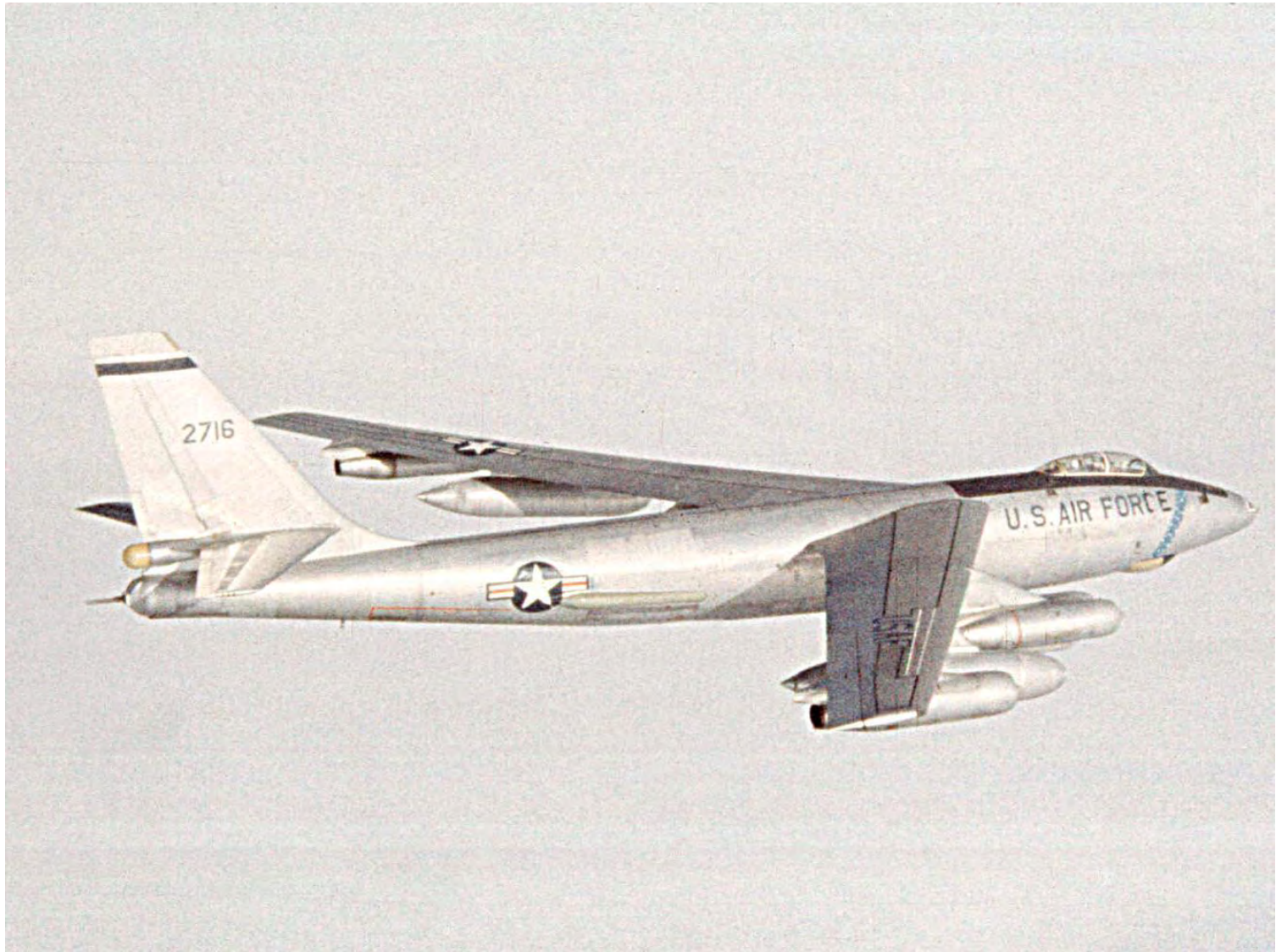


**RB-47E formation flight. 10<sup>th</sup> SRS S/N 52-3383.**





**RB-47E 52-716 with APQ-56 radome. \***



## RB-47E formation flight: 52-697 in foreground.





## RB-47E formation flight.



**RB-47E 52-3391.**





**Operation  
Grandslam  
12 Nov 1958**

**Operation Grandslam, Nov 58, Gus Letto in flight line truck.**





**Sgt Friese and LtCol. Williams playing cards while waiting for aircraft to become ready for preflight.**



**Operation Grandslam, EB-47E 53-2169, being towed to position.**





## Loading ATO bottles.



**Lt. Col Williams and Lt. Col Bell inspecting ATO bottles.**





# Operation Big Sickle, EB-47E formation.



# EB-47E 53-2126 in formation with partial load of ATO bottles.





## Operation Big Sickle EB-47E 53-2126.



# Operation Big Sickle, 53-2126 Apr 1960.





# Crews on alert. Preflighting Dave's Nicolson's model plane.





**Crews on alert flying Dave Nicolson's model airplane.**





## Posting the alert crew status board.



# Jimmy Moore getting instruction on the portable HF single sideband radio.





## Passing time at the 'mole hole'.



## Dave Nicolson working on a model airplane.





## John Gnan, working on a SOS Spanish course.

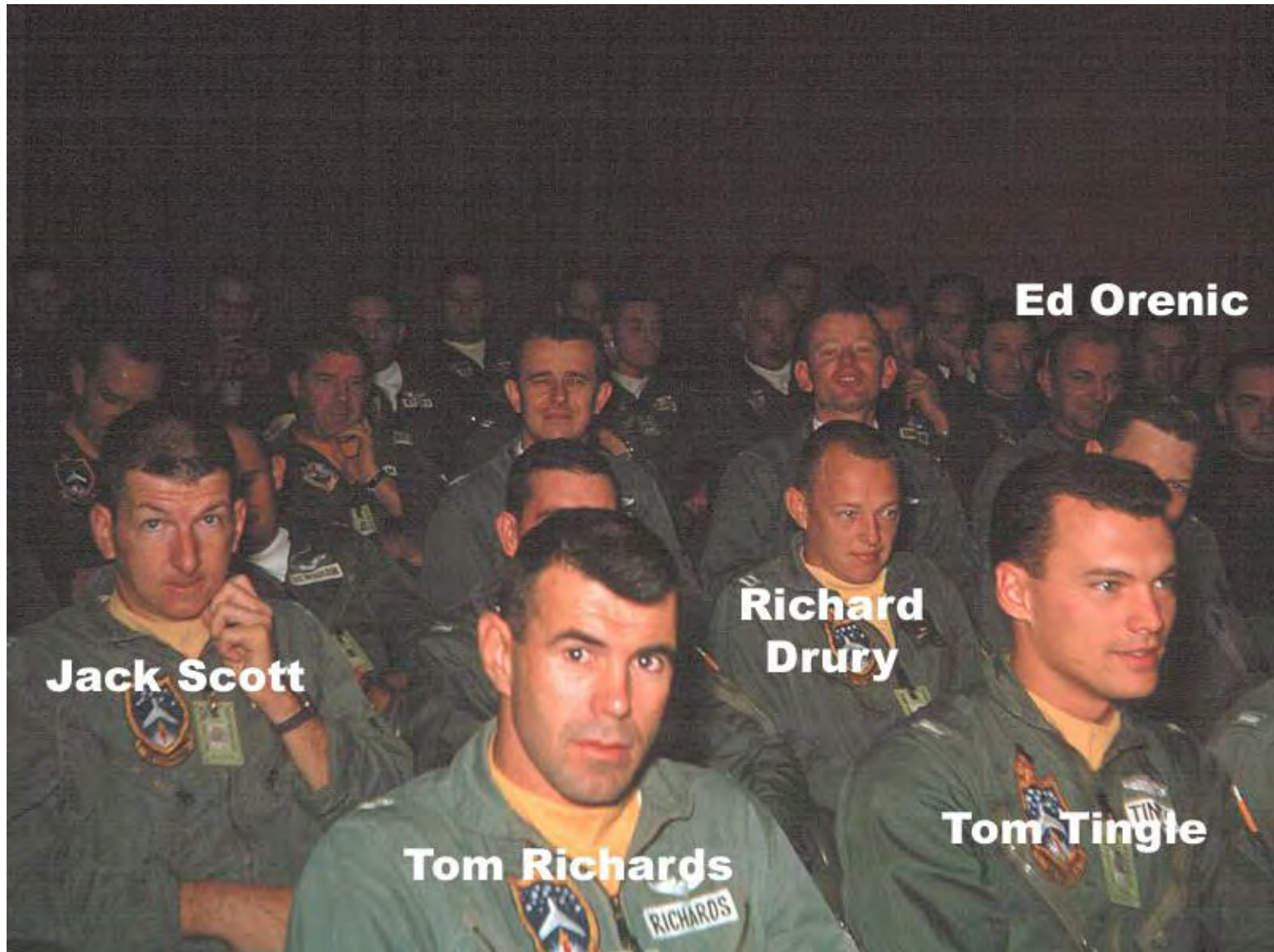


**John Gnan talking on the phone with Nancy.**





**Crew briefing room. Tom Richards went on later to become an FAA Administer.**



**\* This aircraft was subsequently transferred to the 90<sup>th</sup> SRW at Forbes AFB, KS. On Apr. 13, 1960 the aircraft crashed near Perrin, MO While on a pilot upgrade mission. Aboard were an instructor pilot, two pilots and a crew chief. Without a navigator to provide guidance, the crew opted to climb above the thunderstorms and were outside of the optimum operating envelope for the aircraft. When the aircraft flew into a thunderstorm it was wracked with violent updrafts and downdrafts that ripped the RB-47 apart. One pilot and the crew chief bailed out and survived the ordeal. (Al T. Lloyd, 18 Sep 2003)**