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**R1284 United States. Army Air Forces. Flying Training Detachment, 74th
Chester Field (McBride, Mo.).
Booklet, ca. 1944.
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INTRODUCTION

This collection consists of a twenty-five page booklet, "Flight Lines," that recorded the graduates of Class 44F from Primary Flying Training at Chester Army Air Field in McBride, Missouri published on 12 February 1944.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This booklet documents the Primary Flying Training program for aviation cadets at the Chester Army Air Field in McBride, Missouri. It highlights Class 44F as they graduated from the Primary Flying Training program. Combining photographs and illustrations, the booklet features both the daily activities of the trainees, as well as milestones of the program. Subjects covered include meals, recreation, Link Trainer instruction, aircraft maintenance, ground school, and solo flight time. Individual photos of the members of Class 44F are displayed and alphabetized on pages 17-21. Photos of commanding officers, instructors, and editorial staff are also found, along with a dedication to Major Oliver L. Duncan. The names listed in the index are not inclusive.

HISTORY

Chester Field was built in 1942 by the United State Army Air Force as a Primary Flying Training school for aviation cadets. So named for its close proximity to Chester, Illinois, the airfield was located in McBride, Missouri. The Primary Flying Training program at Chester Field was operated by Anderson Air Activities, which was the civilian contractor associated with the Malden Air Base in Malden, Mo. [**SEE** SHSMO-R1157]. Class 44F began their pilot training at Chester Field on 5 December 1943 and graduated on 12 February 1944. After World War II, Chester Field was ceded to civil control and is now known as Perryville (Mo.) Municipal Airport.

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