

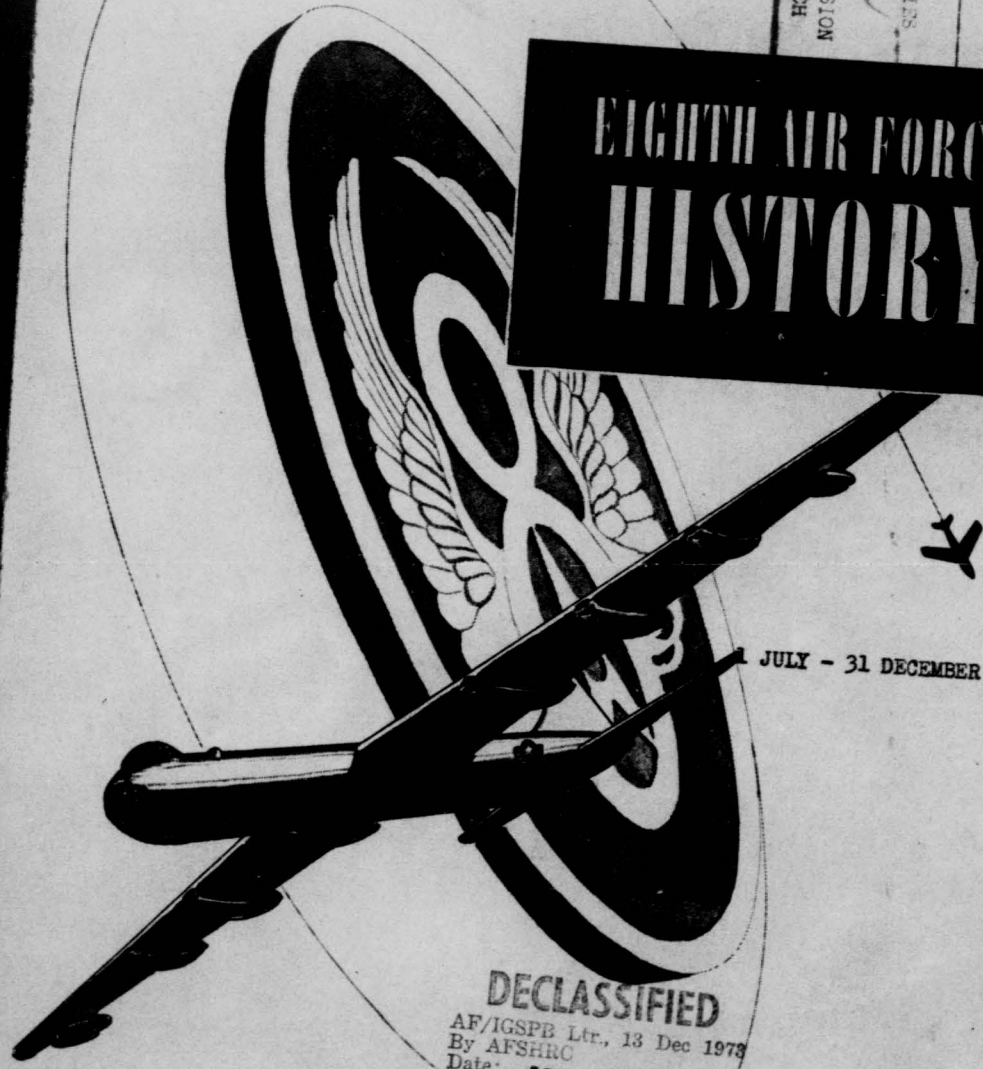
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Colonel Richard O. Hunziker, Commander, 506th Strategic
Fighter Wing, Dow Air Force Base, Bangor, Maine.

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Two F-84Fs from Dow Air Force Base on a routine training mission.

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KB-29P refueler aircraft 486428 of the 506th Air Refueling Squadron is on a test-hop flight. Aircraft commander is Captain Justin W. Shires.

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A typical 506th Air Refueling Squadron KB-29P crew is bottom, left to right, M/Sgt Daniel McKeever, flight engineer; Tech/Sgt David Foley, radio operator; A/2C Edwin Moniot, boom operator; top, left to right, Major Herman Rehels, aircraft commander; 2nd Lt. Angelo Marini, pilot; 1st Lt David Morris, navigator; and 1st Lt Joseph Beaulieu, radar observer. Their aircraft is 45-21708.

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Tech/Sgt Robert E. Becker removes one of the six .50 caliber machine guns installed in an F-84F Thunderstreak of the 506th Strategic Fighter Wing. Sergeant Becker is an armament supervisor in the Periodic Maintenance Section of the 506th Armament and Electronics Squadron.

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Weapons specialists Tech/Sgt James H. Seymour (left) and S/Sgt Duane C. Gerke install new pylon system in an F-84F Thunderstreak. Both Sergeants are in supervisory capacity in the 506th Armament and Electronics Squadron, 506th Strategic Fighter Wing.

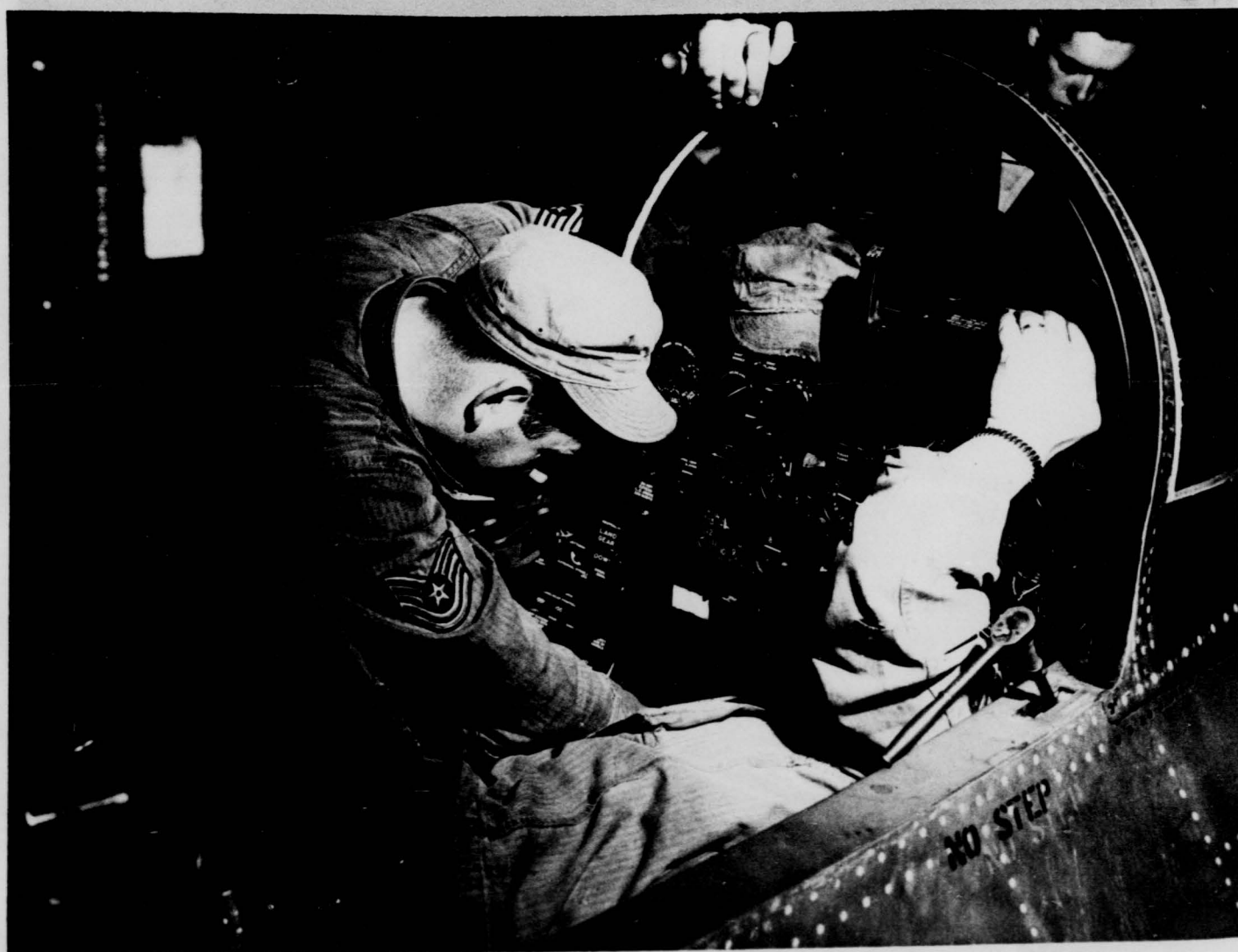
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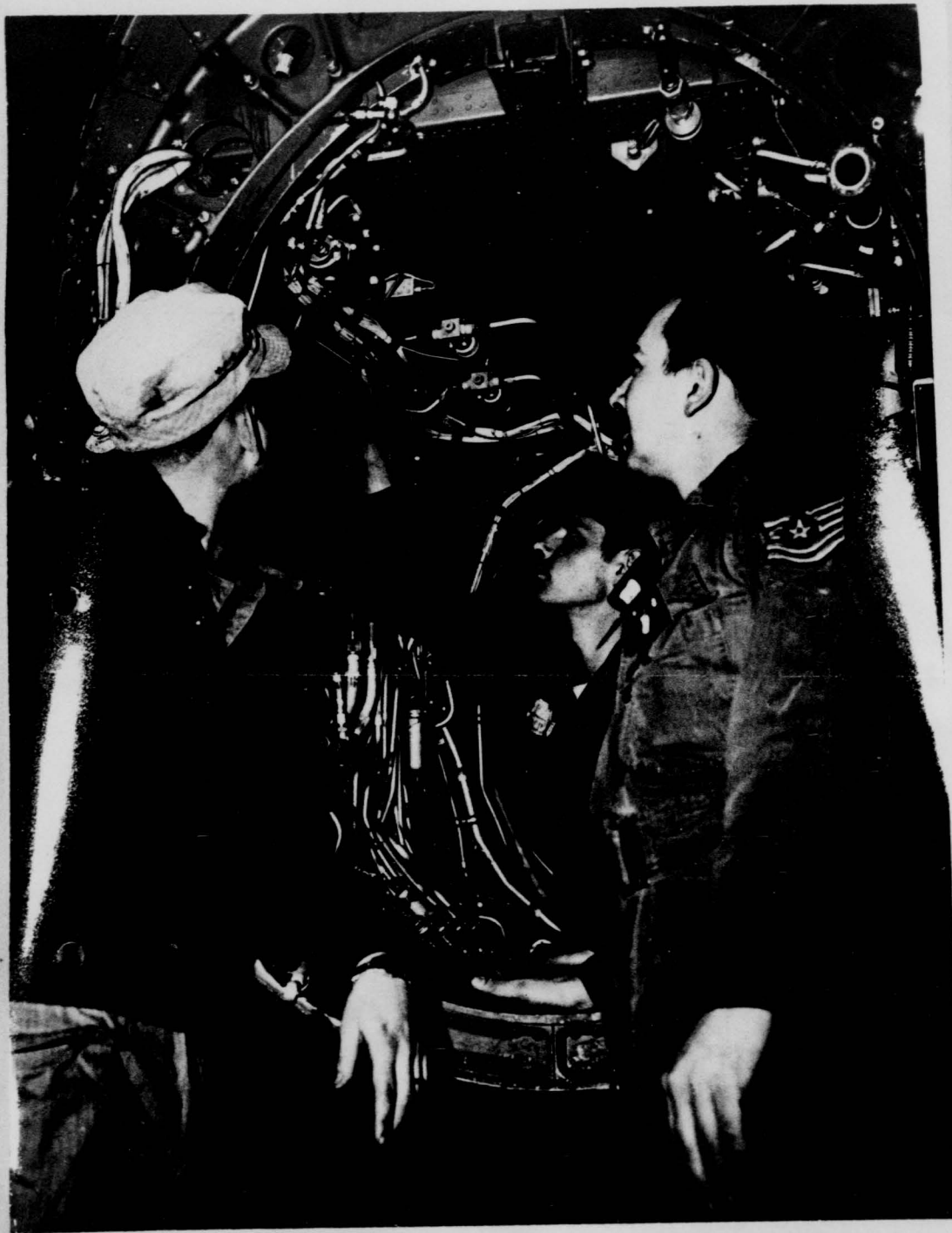
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Engine mechanics of the 506th Periodic Maintenance Squadron inspect an engine compartment in an F-84F Thunderstreak of the 506th Strategic Fighter Wing. Left to right are A/2C Joseph Tymkow Jr., A/2C Donald H. McMains and Tech/Sgt Gordon Meredith.

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A/LC Manuel B. Osborne (left) and S/Sgt Samuel Dato repair a gyrosyn compass transmitter in the Instrument Shop in Hangar I. Electrical instrument specialists, these airmen are in the 506th Field Maintenance Squadron, 506th Strategic Fighter Wing.

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Part of July - December 1954 construction is the new base
warehouse located east of runway (existing) 22 and west of
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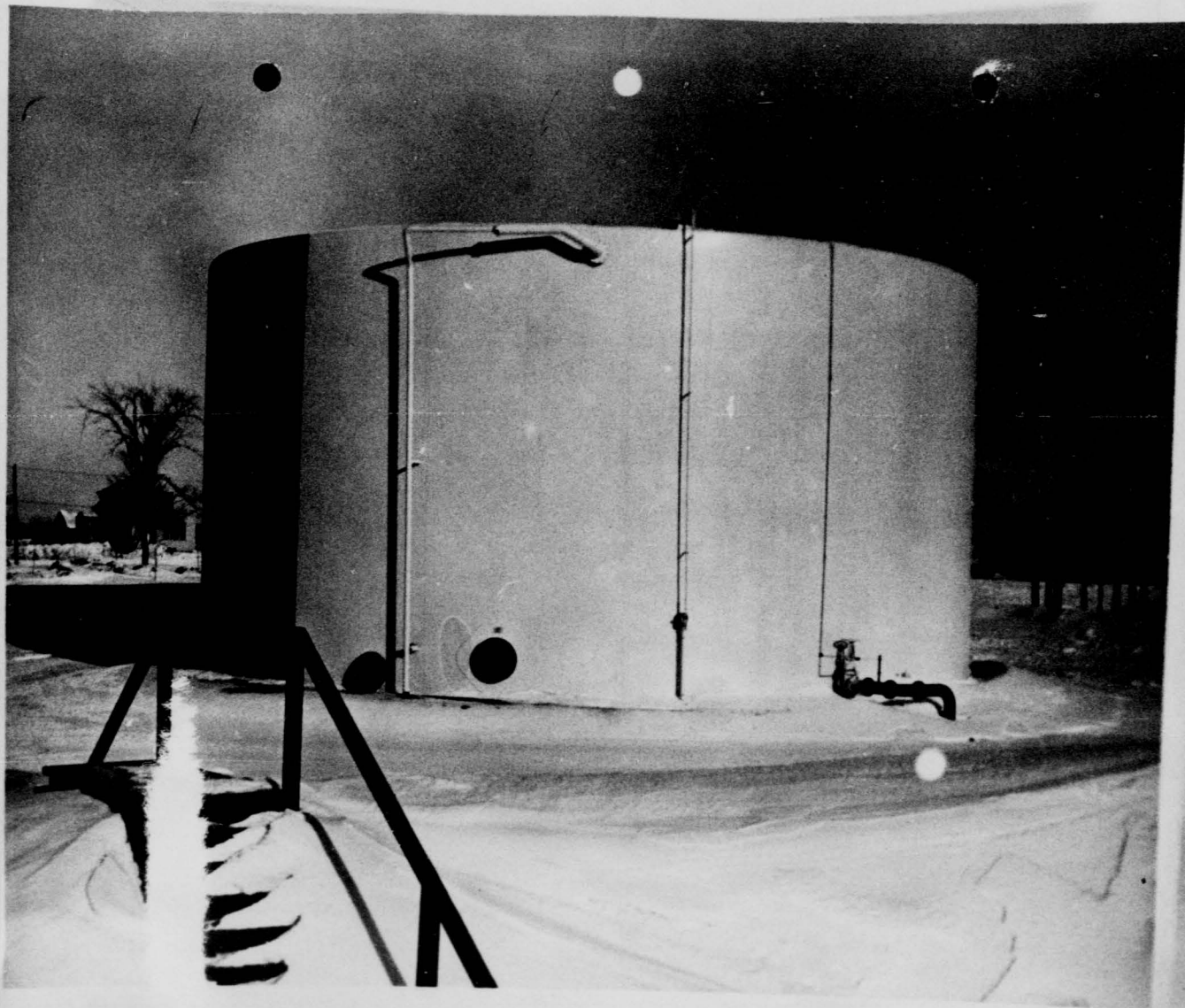
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Newly constructed cold storage area in building T-105.

T-105 is an addition to the existing warehouse.

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Another part of 1954 construction program are the new squadron operations buildings directly behind new base warehouse.

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Newly constructed runway overlay is partially covered by
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Part of the July-December 1954 construction program was this operating storage pumphouse north of the new runway overlay.

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Pump station in tank farm area is another July-December 1954
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Colonel Ariel W. Nielsen, Commander, 28th Strategic Reconnaissance
Wing, Heavy, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

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Colonel William L. Herblin, Commander, 28th Air Base Group,
Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota.

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Major Galen E. Niedenfuehr, Commander, Detachment Number One,
8th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base,
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Major William F. Frazier Jr., Commander of the 4th Strategic Support
Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota

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This RB-36 aircraft is on a routine training mission conducted by the 28th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. Training missions such as this are conducted to bring the proficiency of crews up to the required training standards of all Strategic Air Command RB-36 Crews.

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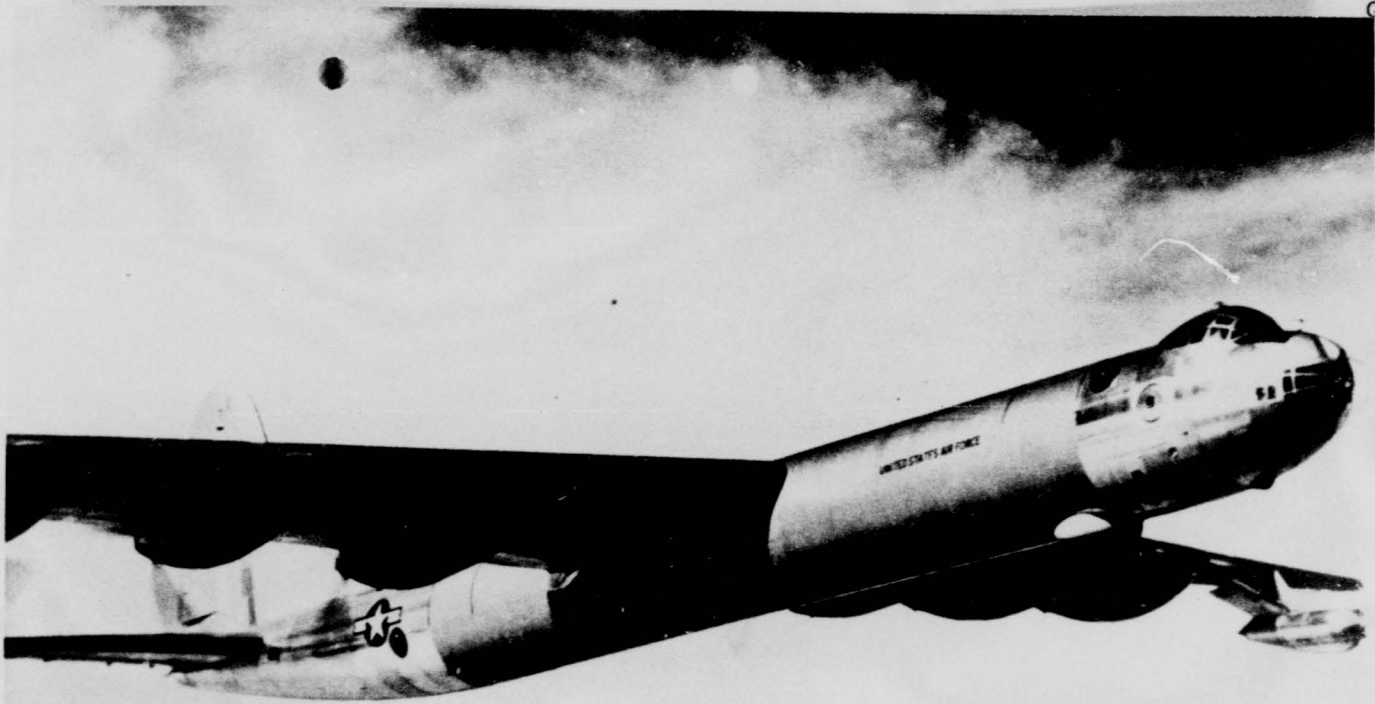
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Two jet mechanics do their share in keeping the RB-36 in top shape at Ellsworth. These two men are from the 28th Field Maintenance Squadron.

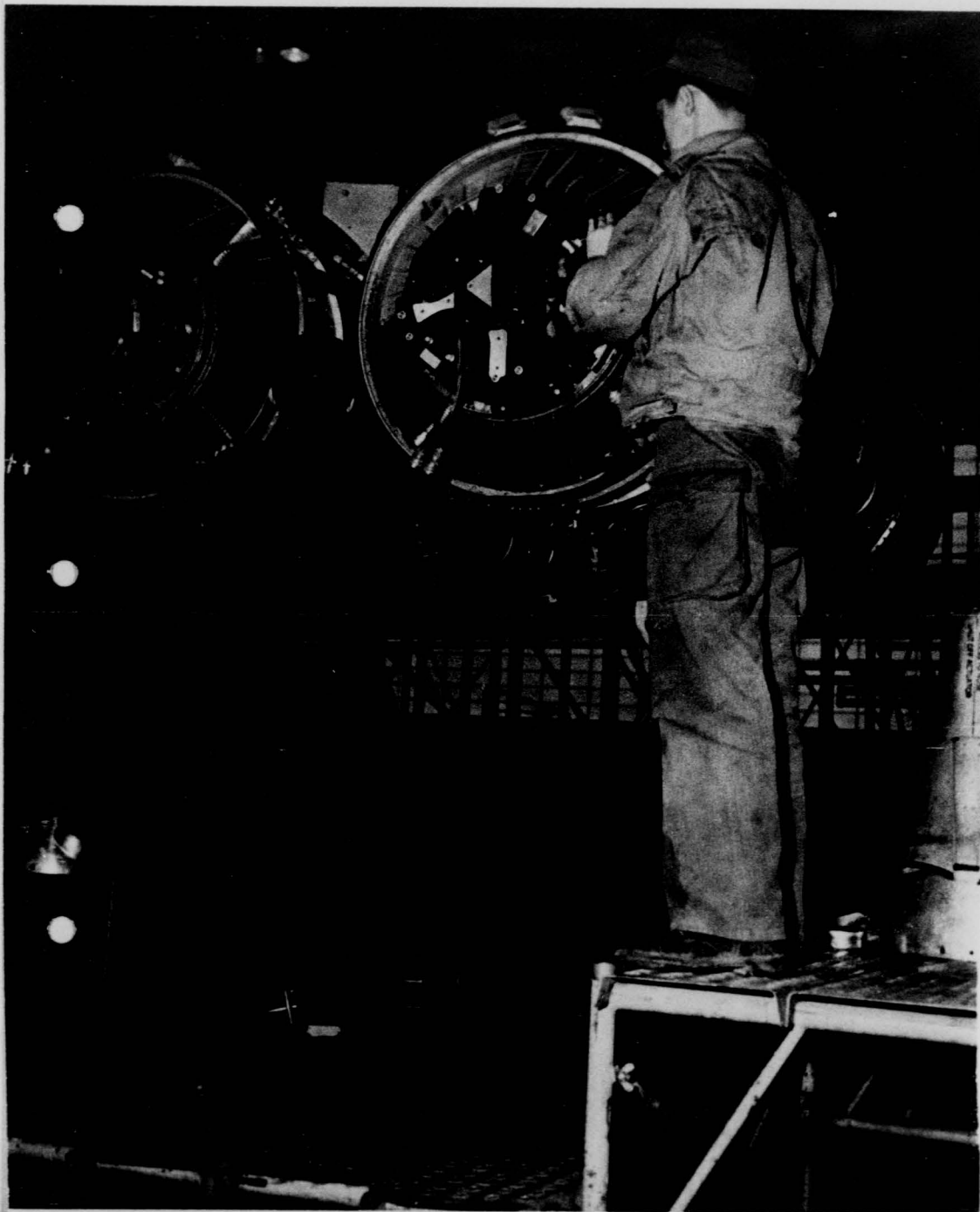
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An RB-36 aircraft parked on the ramp. These giant birds are typical of the type of aircraft assigned to Ellsworth Air Force Base. This type of aircraft is capable of accomplishing aerial photography in any part of the world.

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at Ellsworth prepares for a routine training mission at
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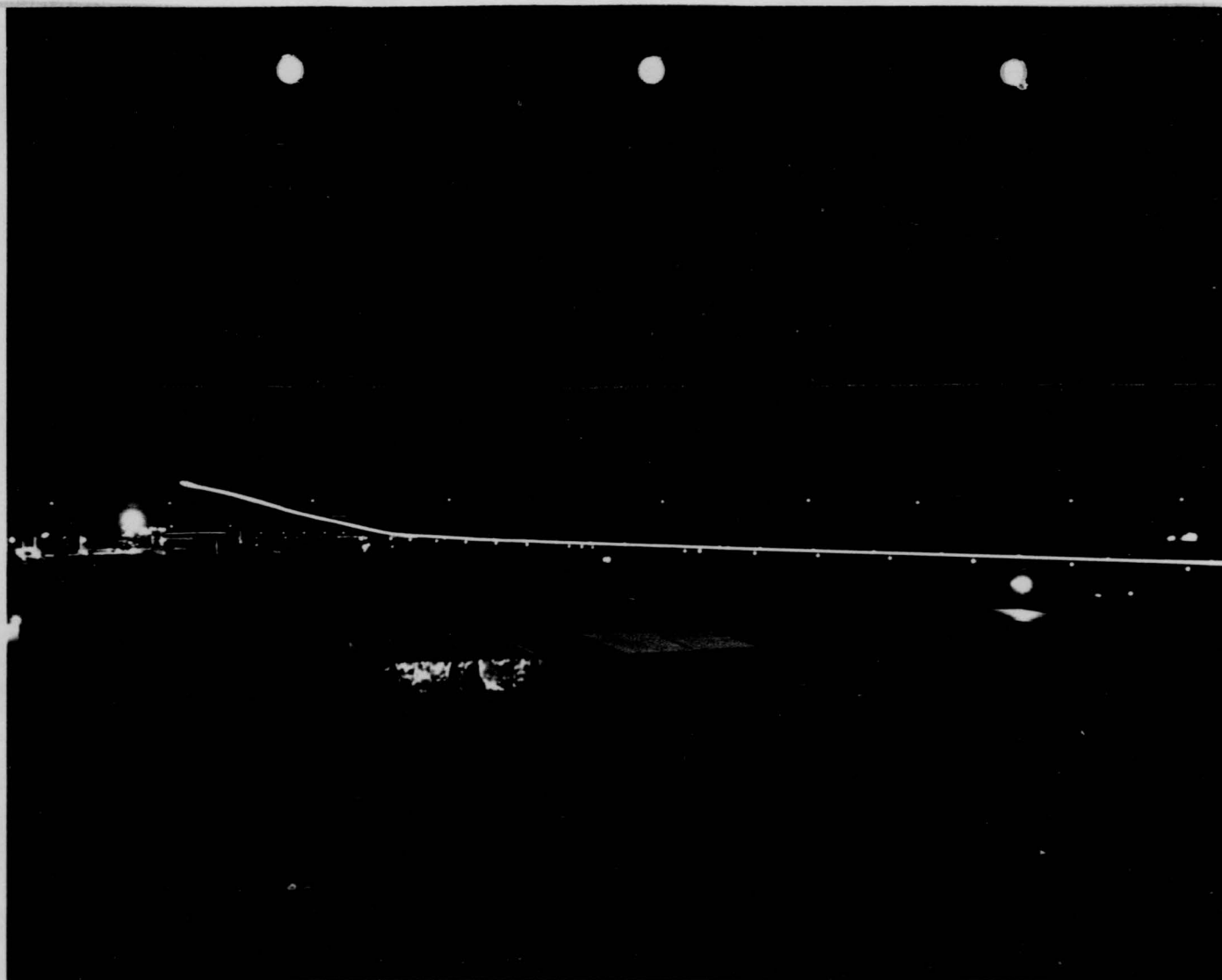
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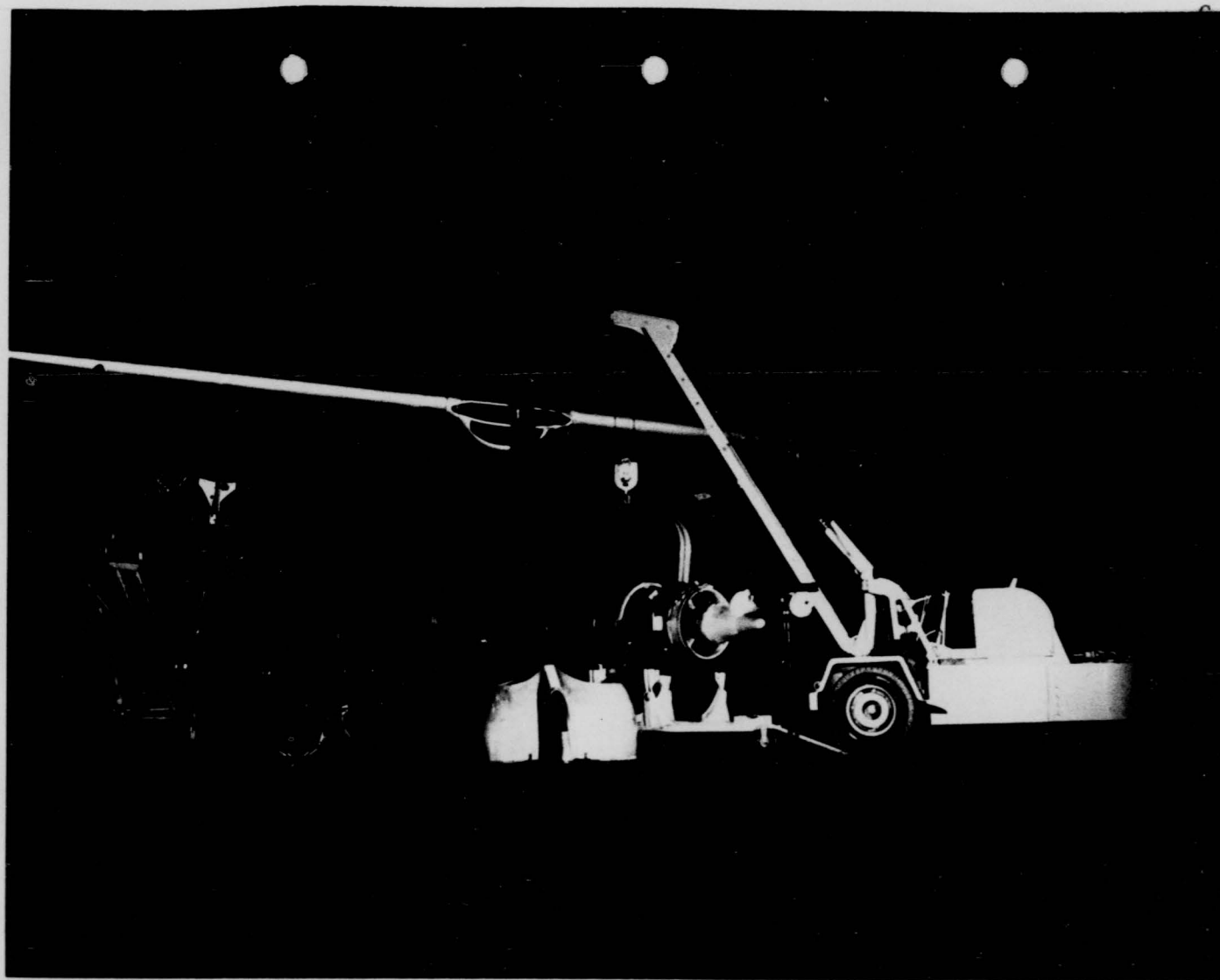


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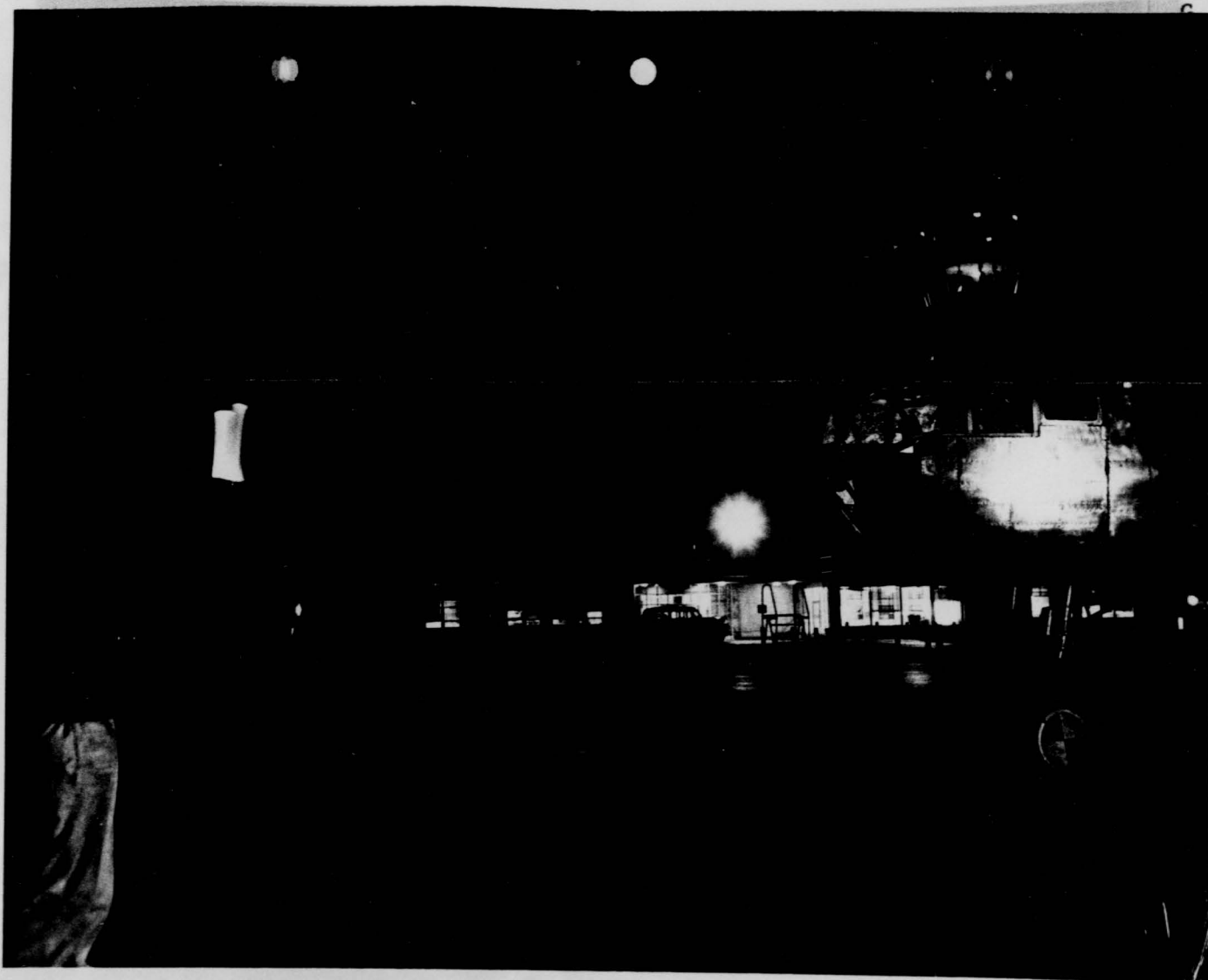


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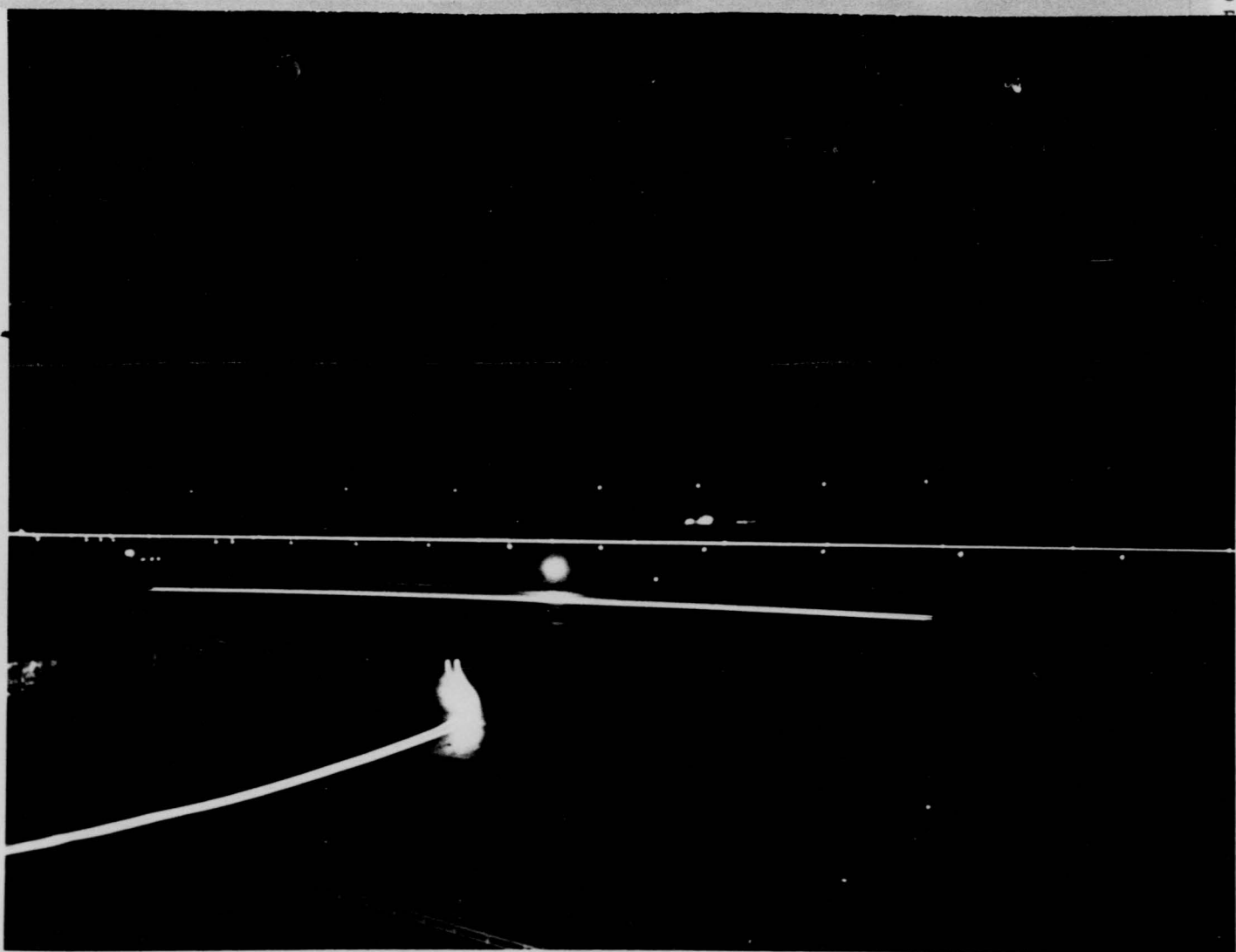


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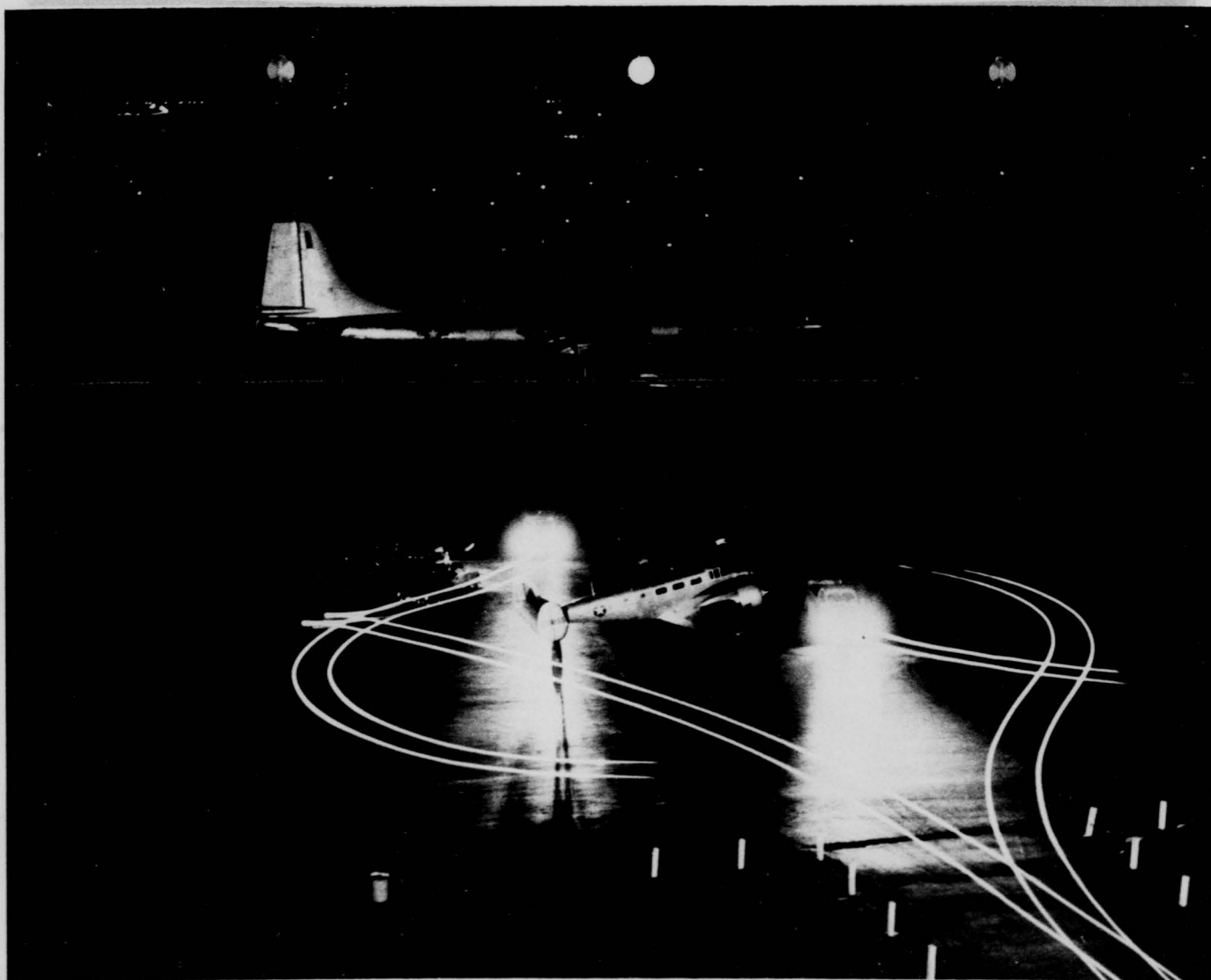


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Before leaving Ellsworth Air Force Base on a mission, every RB-36 is serviced, checked, and loaded. Here two men from the 28th Supply Squadron, load one of the guns at the center of an RB-36.

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Periodic maintenance checks are continuously being conducted to keep the RB-36 aircraft flying. In the foreground is a typical maintenance stand used in performing maintenance.

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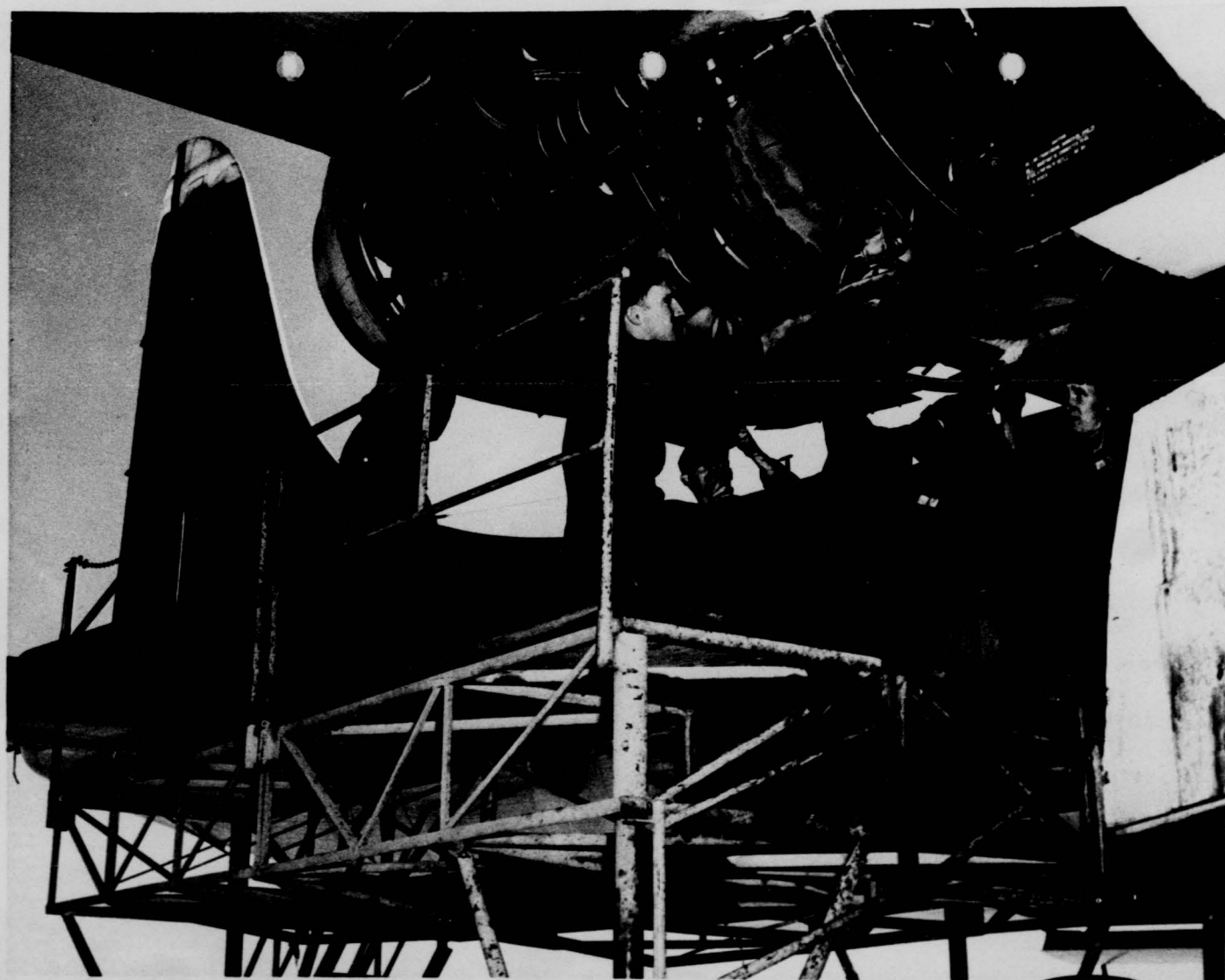
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Typical examples of what goes on day after day on the flight
line as maintenance personnel make sure that the aircraft
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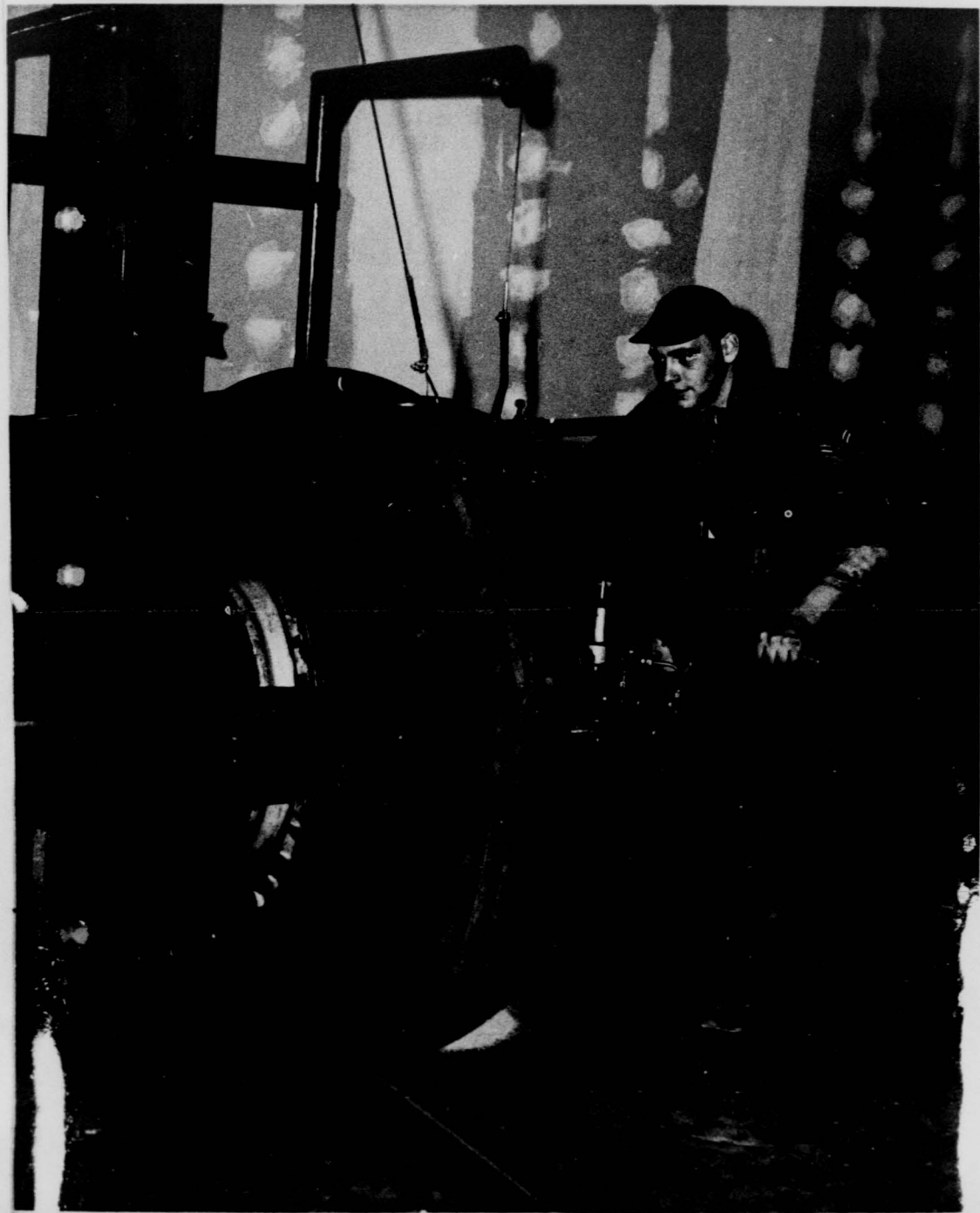
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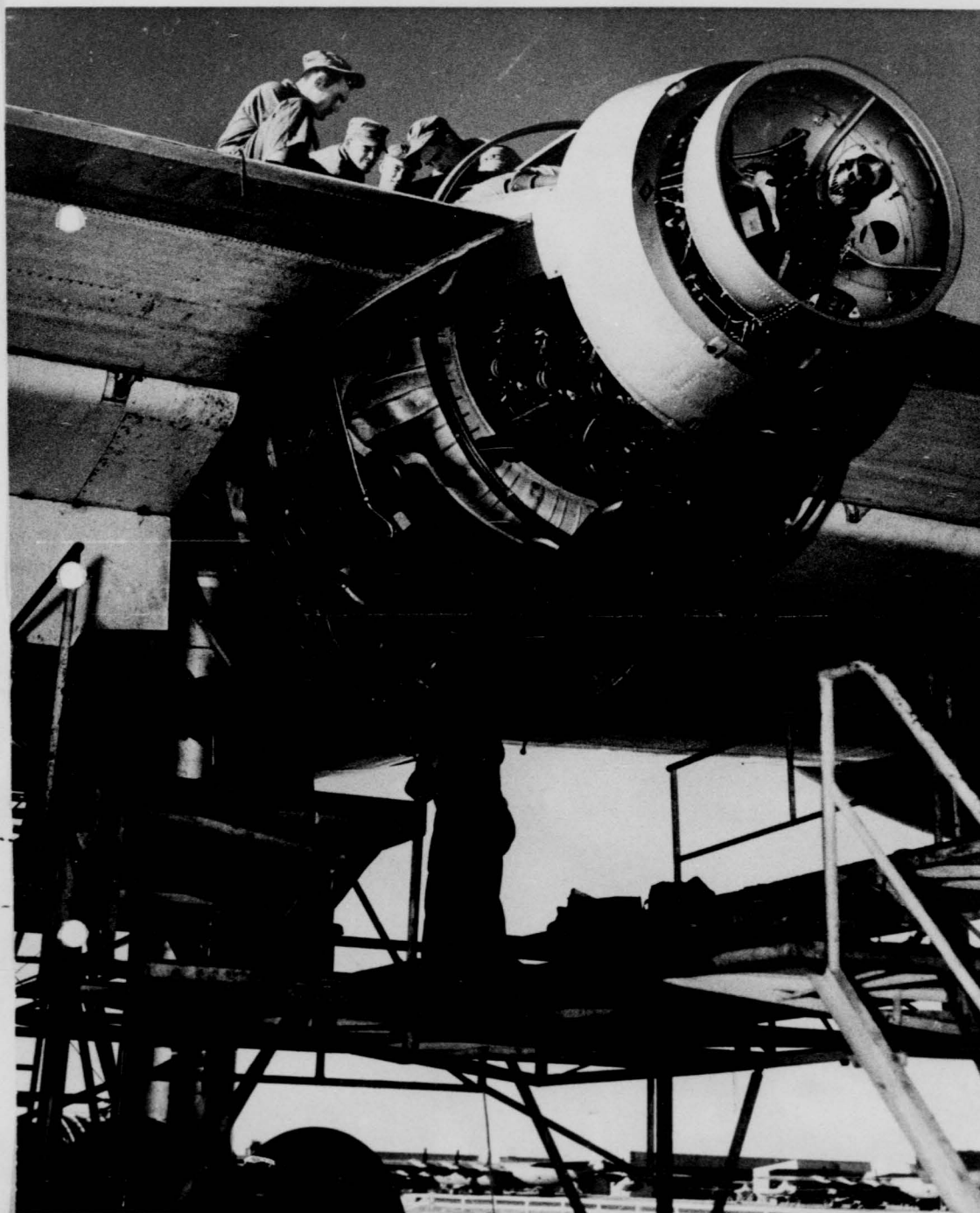


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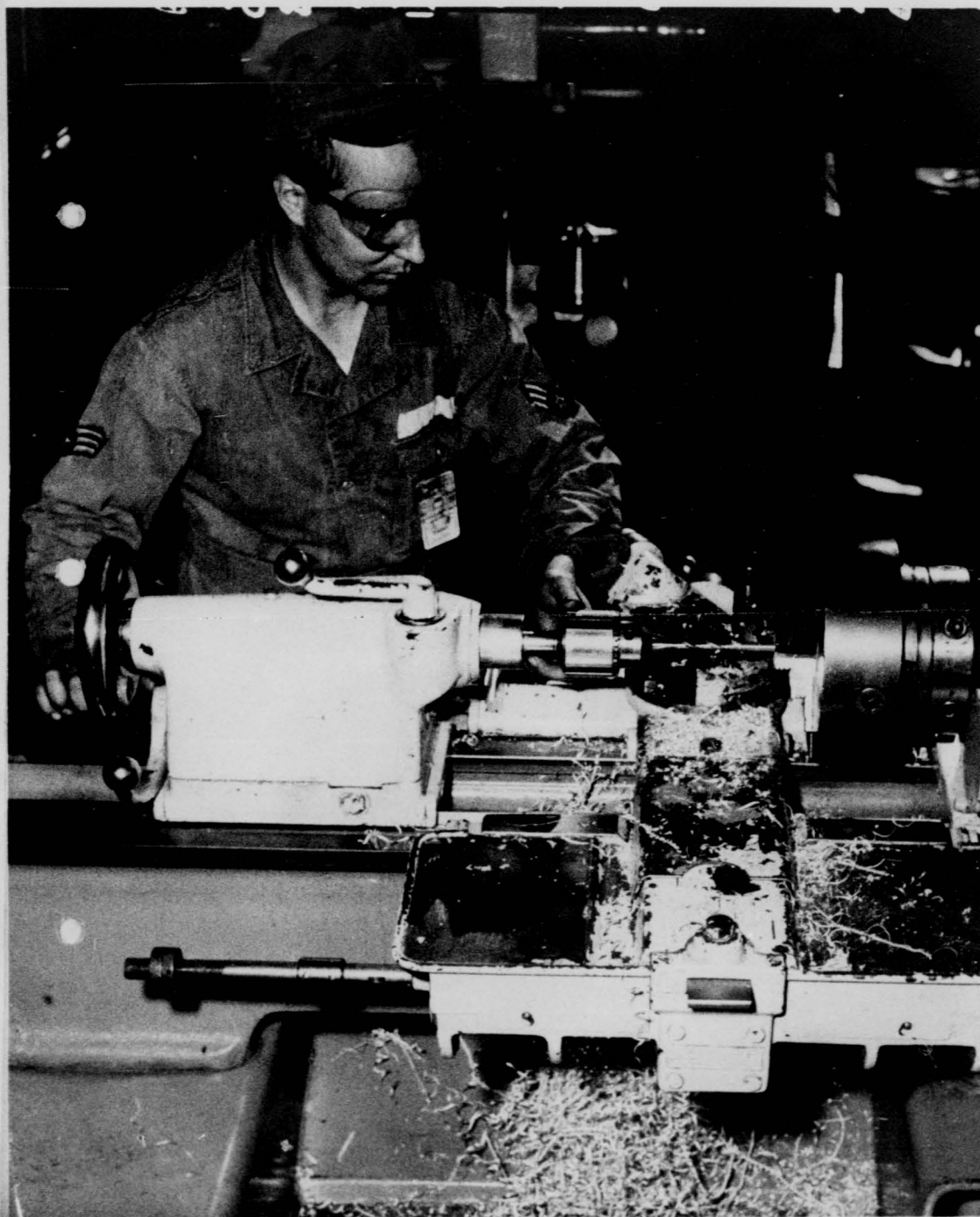
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An airman checking the ground equipment to make sure that it's operational.

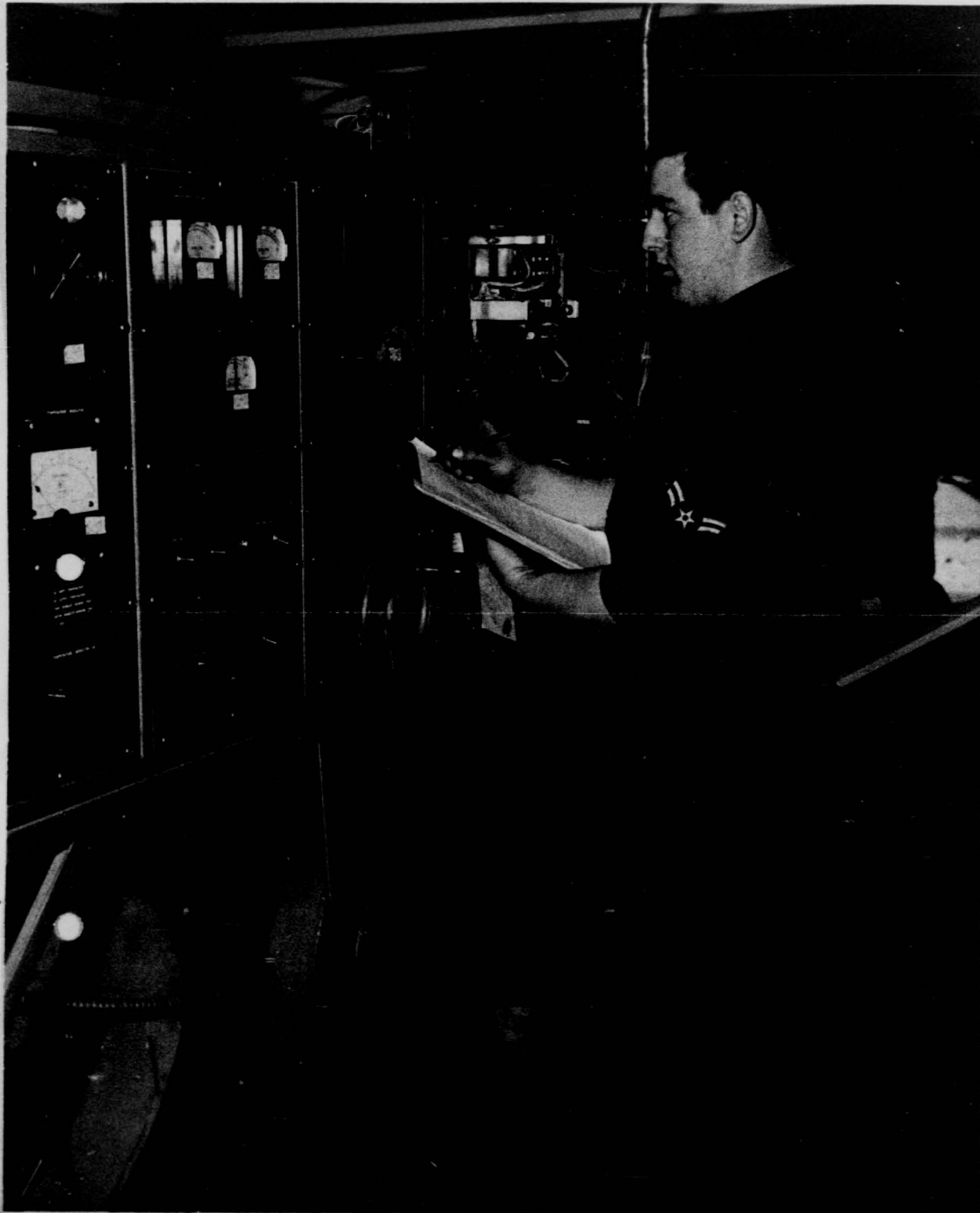
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Interior shots of the new Dental Clinic which was completed
in October 1954.

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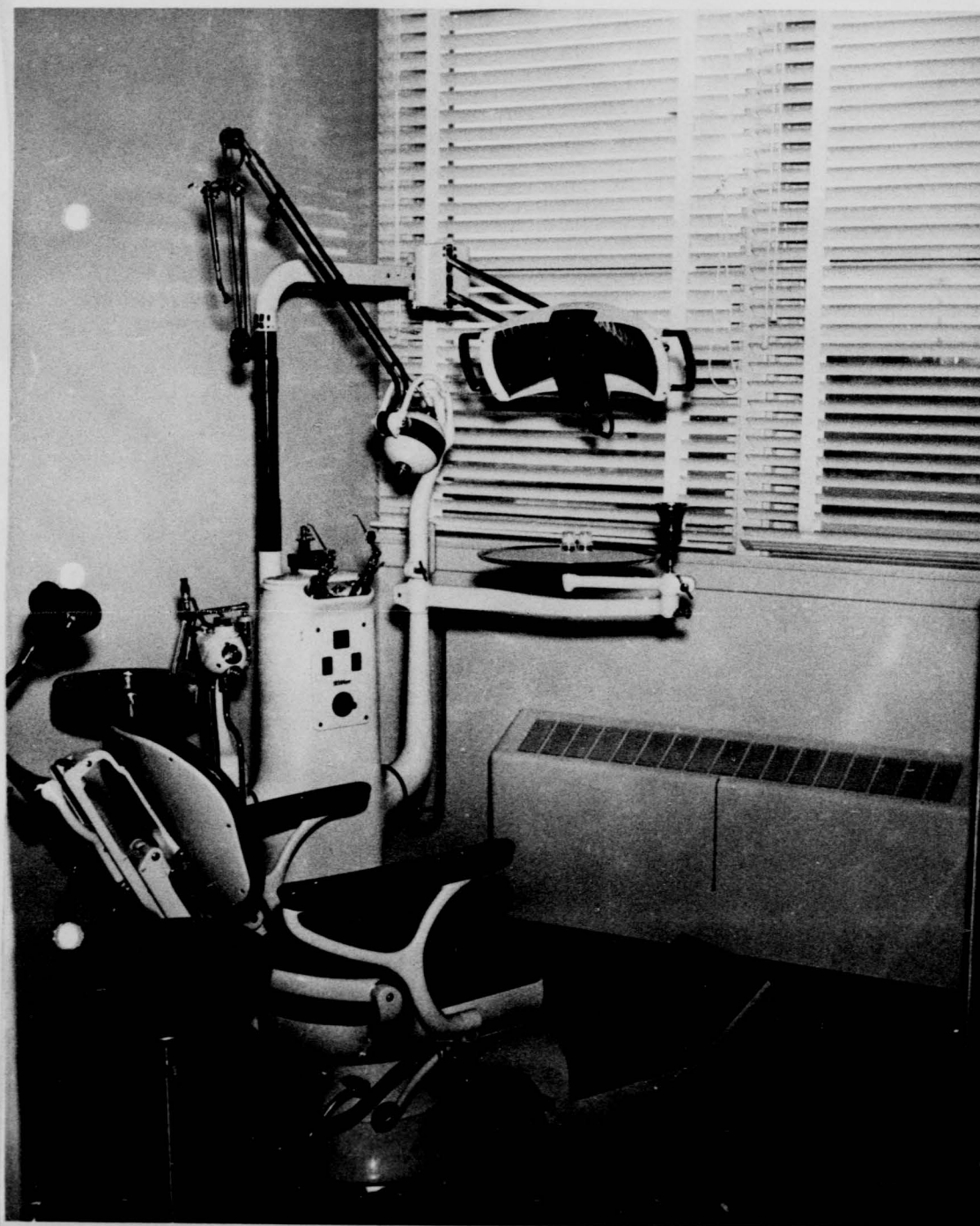
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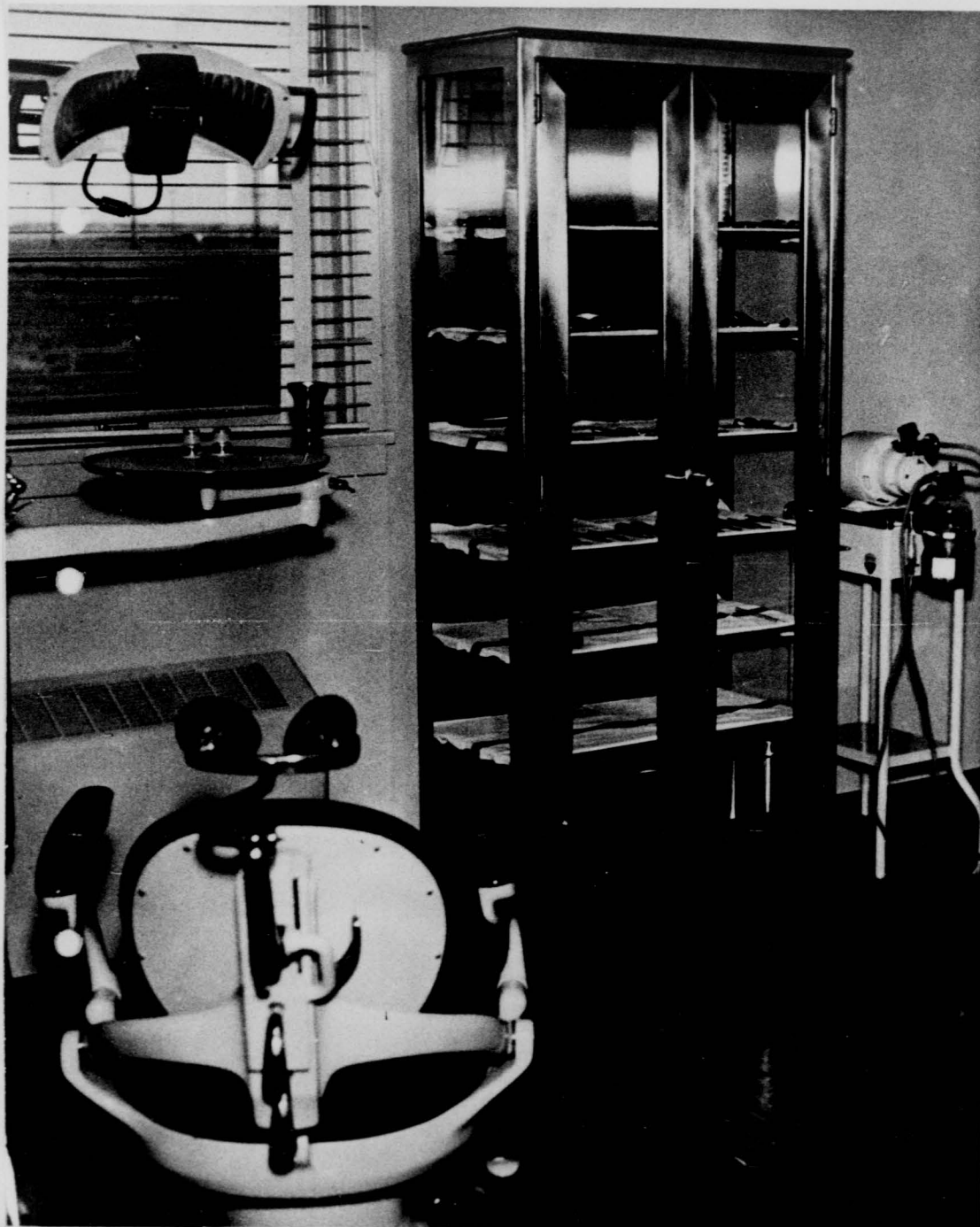
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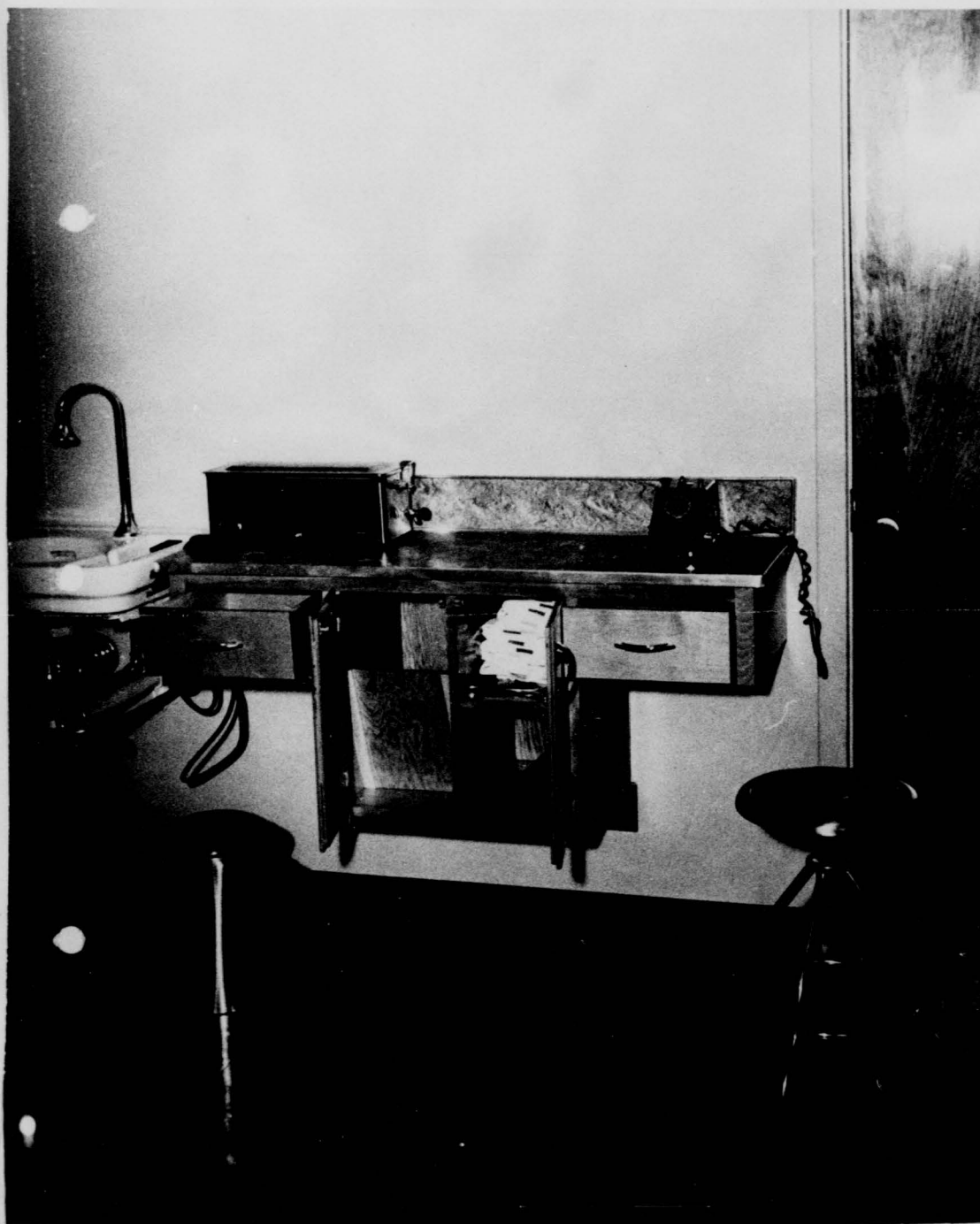
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The new 100 bed hospital which is now under construction was started 1 March 1954. Completion of the hospital is expected to be during June 1955.

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Base Housing receives a face lifting. Remodeling of Base
Housing began in November and the first unit is expected
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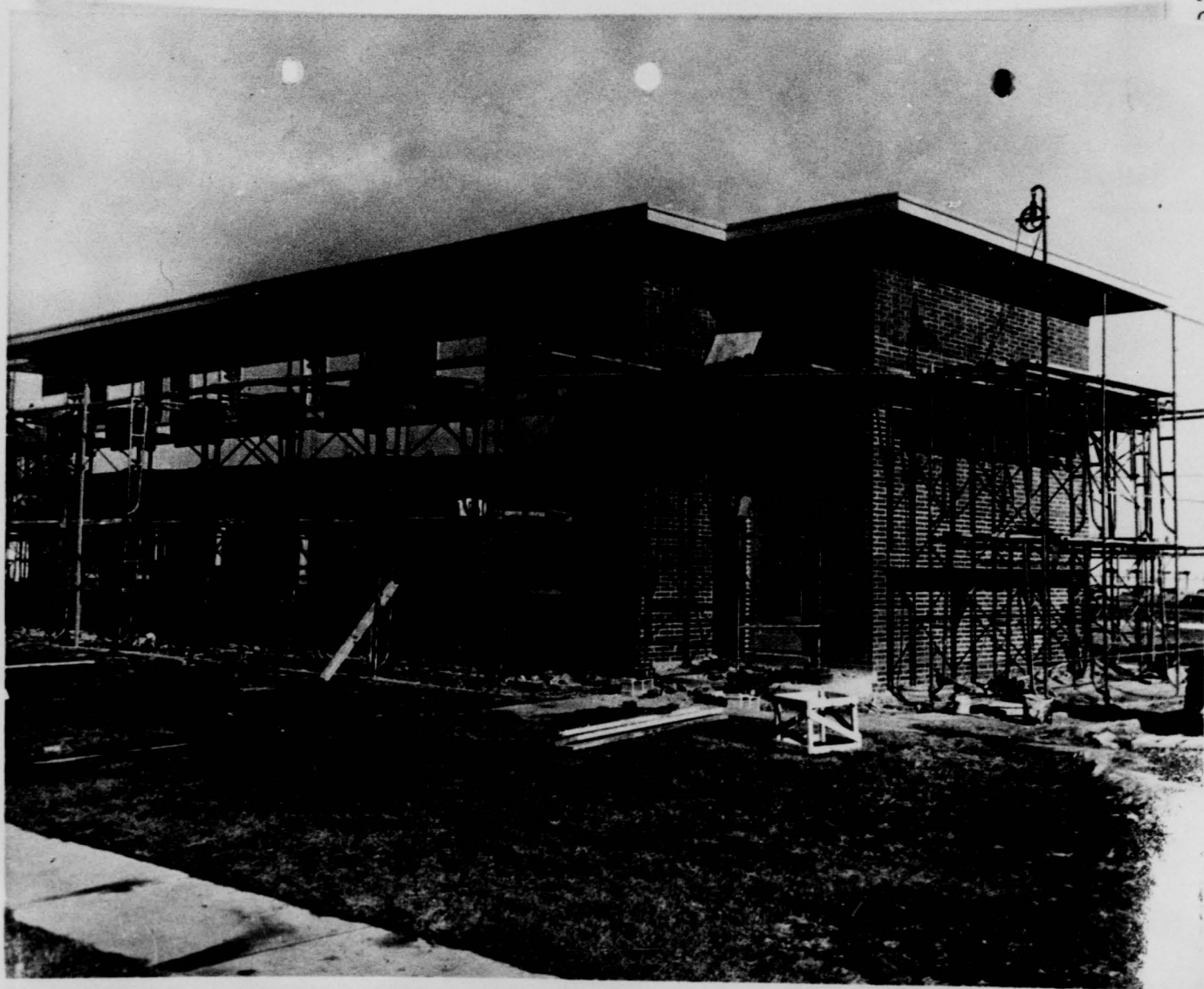
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Brigadier General Bertram C. Harrison, Commander, 45th Air
Division, Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, Maine.

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Colonel Jerome Tarter, Commander, 42d Bombardment Wing, Heavy,
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Colonel Jackson W. Lewis, Commander, 42d Air Base Group,
Loring Air Force Base, Limestone, Maine.

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Effective 1 October 1954, Limestone Air Force Base was renamed
Loring Air Force Base in honor of Major Charles J. Loring, Jr.,
who lost his life during a Korean combat mission in 1952.

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A B-36 is being given a pre-flight check on the main taxiway
at Loring Air Force Base.

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A C-124 is being loaded and given a pre-flight check by
the crew members on the snow-covered Loring flight line.

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Two B-47s are parked on the main taxiway. They participated
in a mission that staged through Loring in the summer.

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A parked F-84 on the Loring Flight Line.

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Airman Second Class Bob Birchfield, Video Engineer, makes adjustments at the control panel in the old studio atop the Base Hospital.

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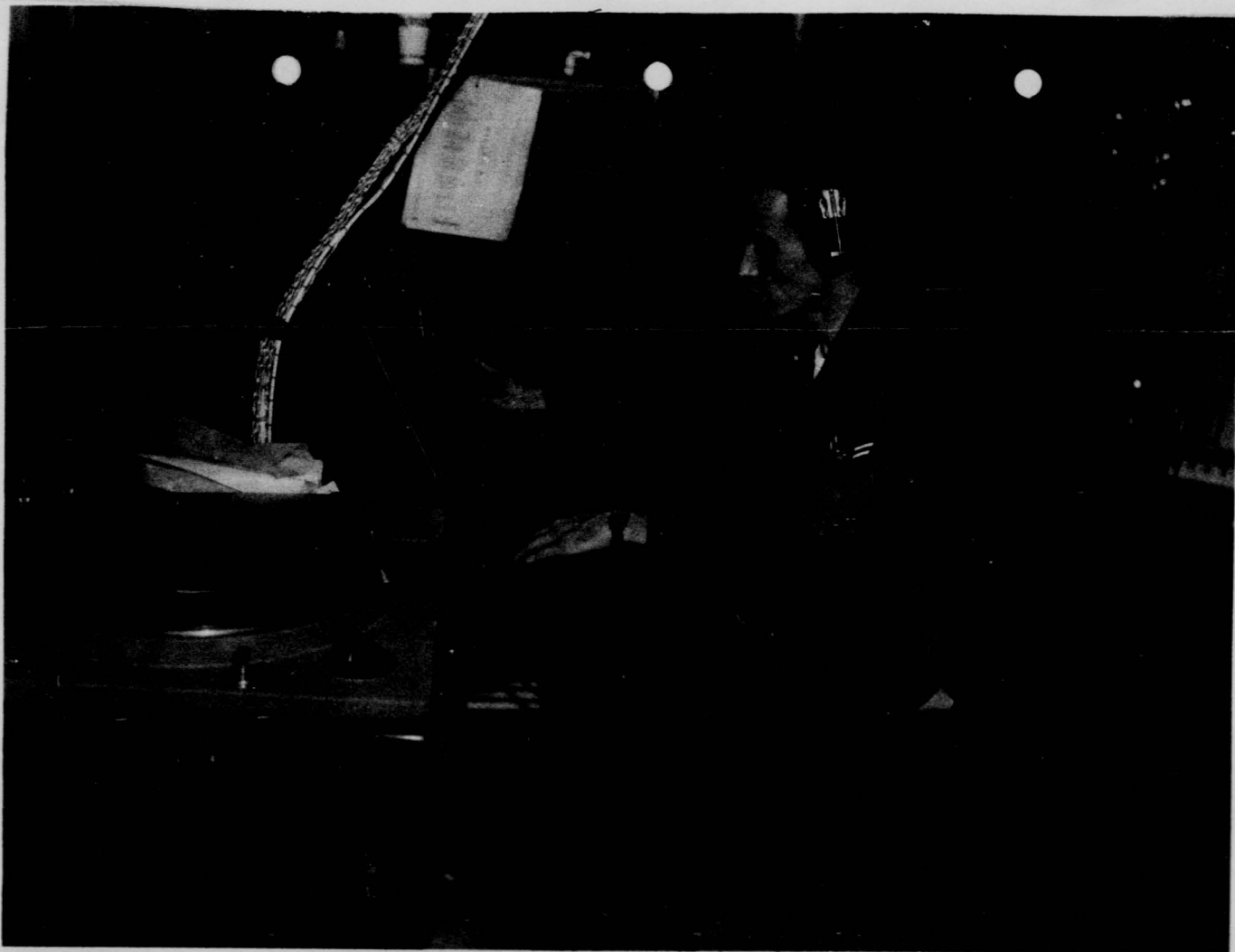
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Men working in the propeller shop section of the 42d
Periodic Maintenance Squadron, 42d Bombardment Wing, Heavy.

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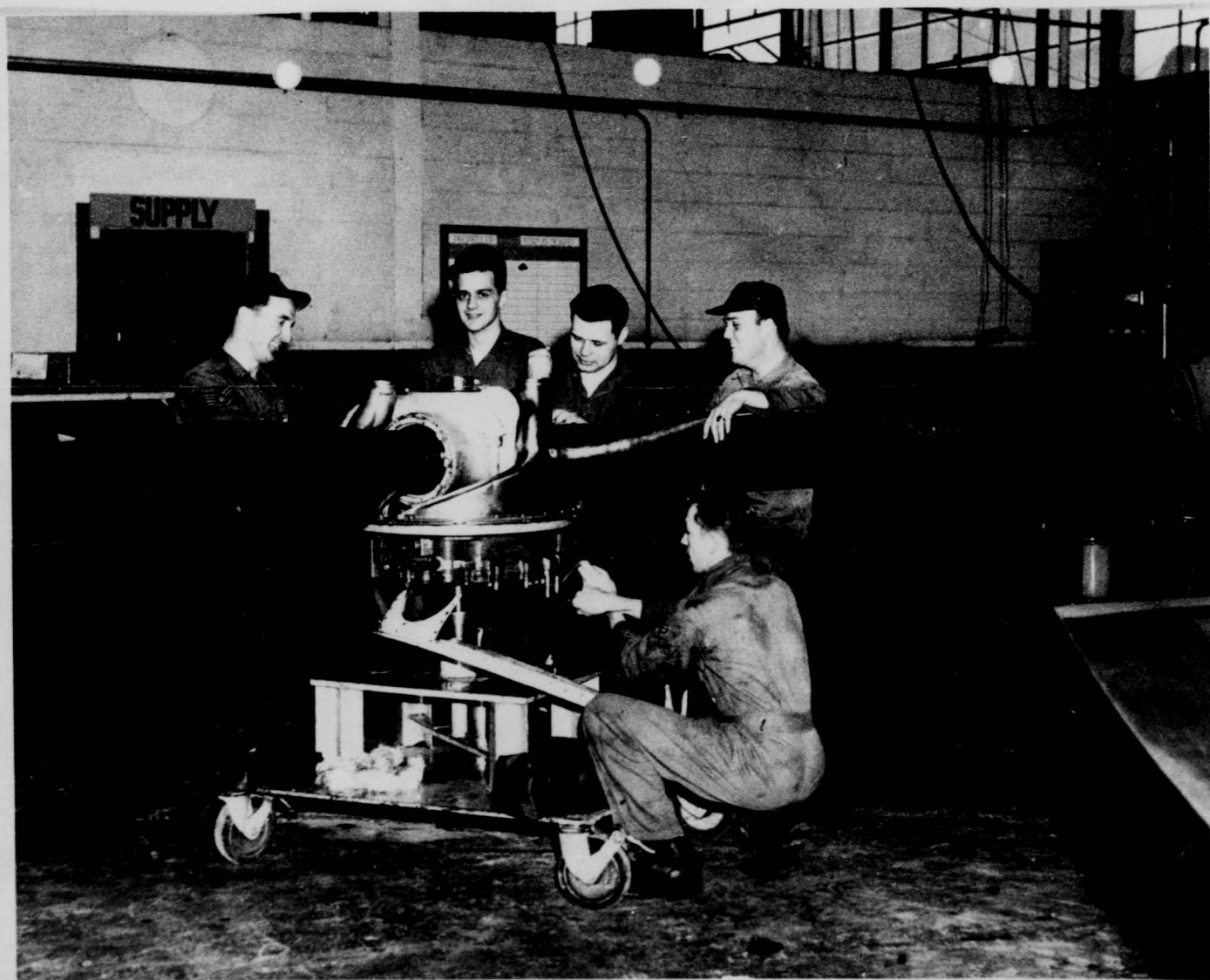
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An airman on duty in the Special Dispatch Section of the
42d Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron at Loring.

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Personnel of the 42d Field Maintenance Squadron working in
the Fabrication Branch Machine Shop.

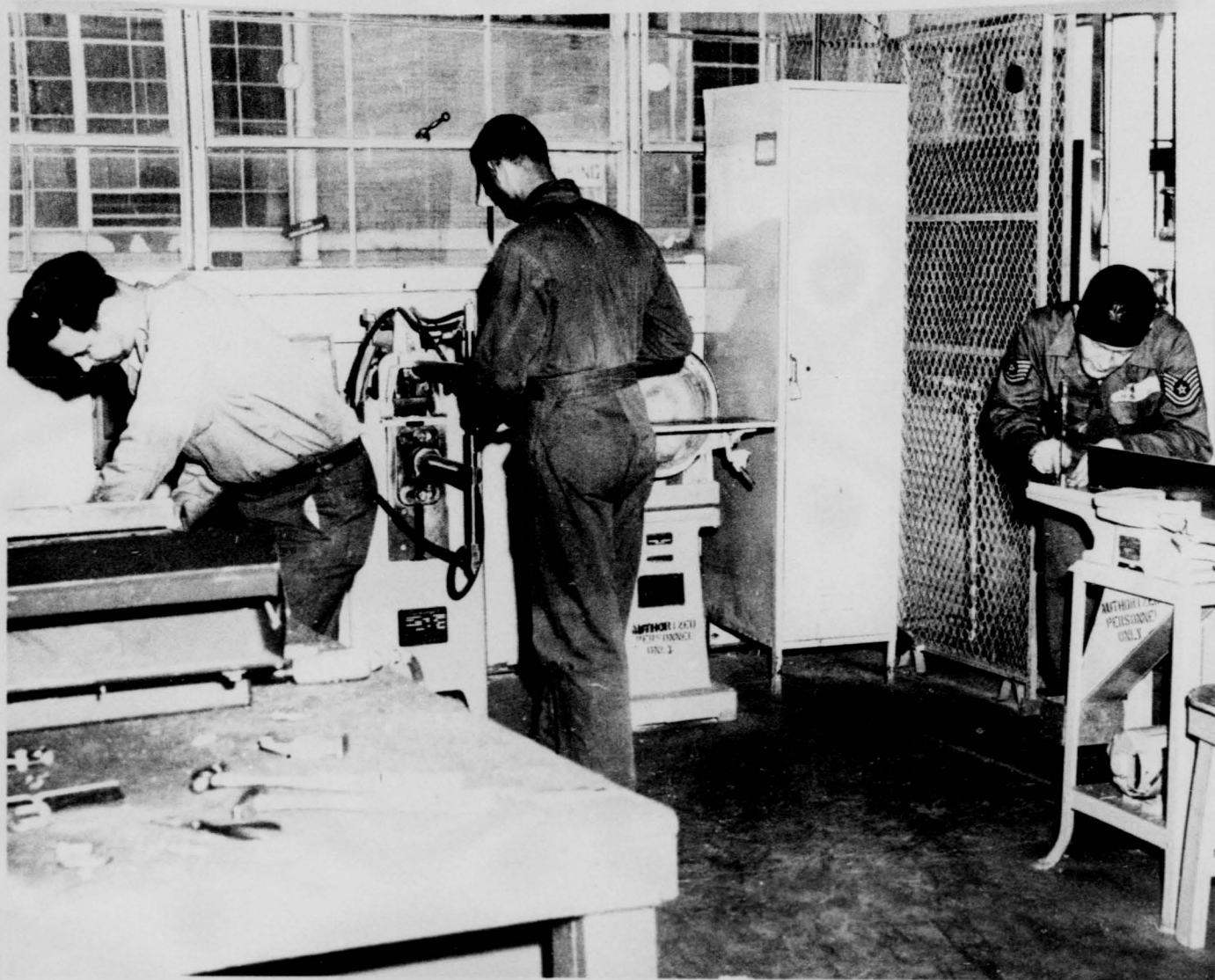
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A master sergeant checks the work of the 42d Field
Maintenance Squadron personnel at work in the Welding
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An exterior view of the 4034th USAF Hospital Building,
finished on 19 June 1953. From December 1953 to December
1954, the Base TV Station operated from atop the hospital
building.

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A typical ward from the modern Base Hospital. The 4034th
USAF Hospital completed its new building on June 19, 1953,
at a cost of \$2,900,000.00.

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Colonel Mason H. Grower, Jr., Commander, 812th Air Base
Group, Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico.

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Colonel William K. Martin, Commander, 6th Bombardment Wing,
Heavy, Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico.

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Colonel Wilson R. Wood, Commander, 509th Bombardment Wing,
Medium, Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico.

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Brigadier General Charles W. Schott, Commander, 47th Air
Division, Walker Air Force Base, Roswell, New Mexico.

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B-50 of the 509th Bombardment Wing.

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A B-36 Intercontinental Bomber of the 6th Bombardment Wing slowly settles towards the landing strip. This 358,000 pound bomber has a wing span of 230 feet. The B-36 has a volume of nearly 18,000 cubic feet, approximately the volume of three average five room houses.

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Guard on duty while night maintenance is in progress on
B-36s of the 6th Wing.

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A B-50 aircraft from the 509th Bombardment Wing, Walker
Air Force Base.

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509th crew prepares to take off on a mission while the
509th was TDY to Guam, M. I.

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General Schott being welcomed by members of the 509th and
local organizations, at Guam, M. I. during TDY movement.

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Colonel W. R. Wood (with back to camera) welcomes a crew
to Guam, Mi I. during TDY.

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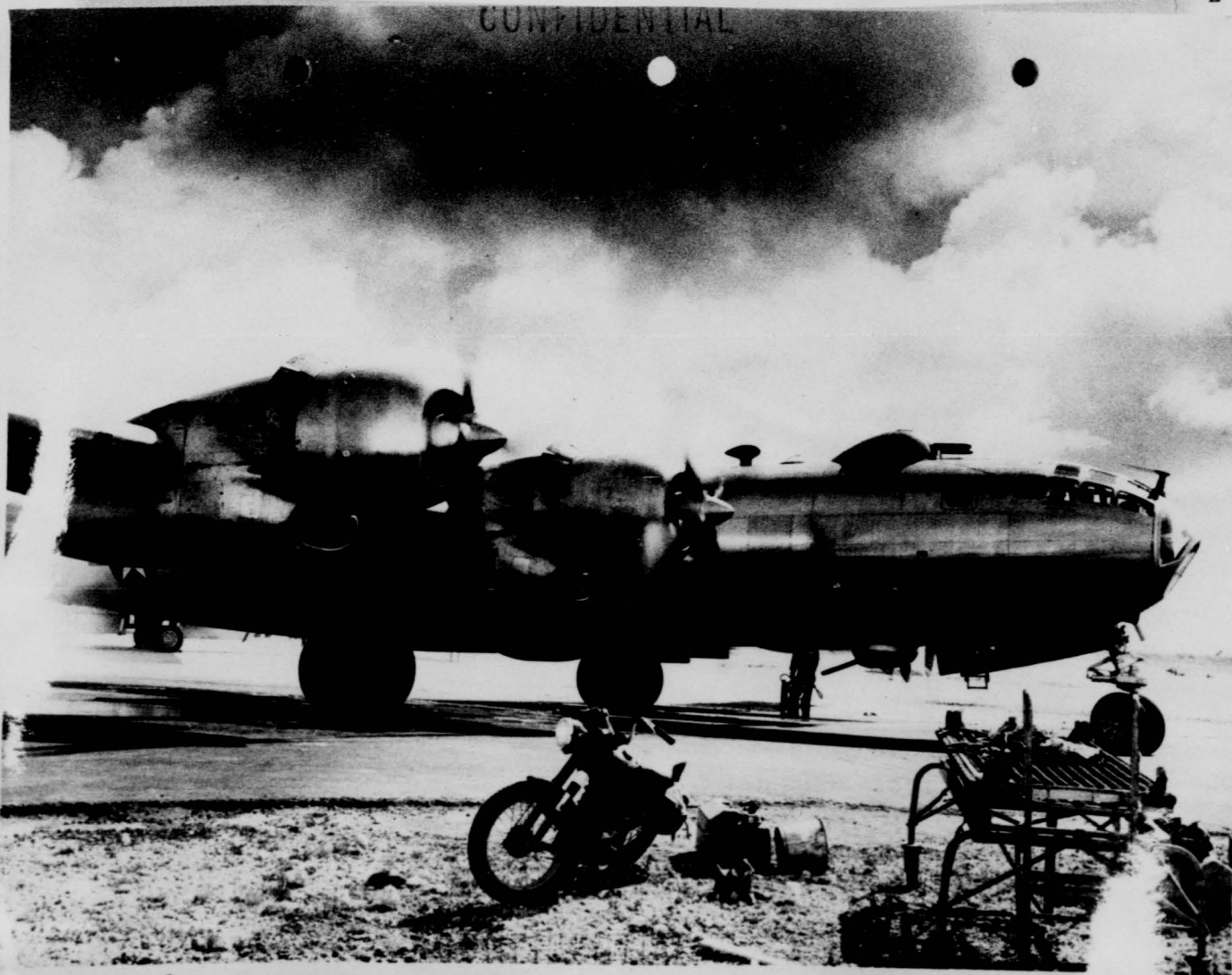
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The following B-50 aircraft of the 509th Bomb Wing participated in the mission at Guam.



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Huge doors of B-36 hanger are moved into place.

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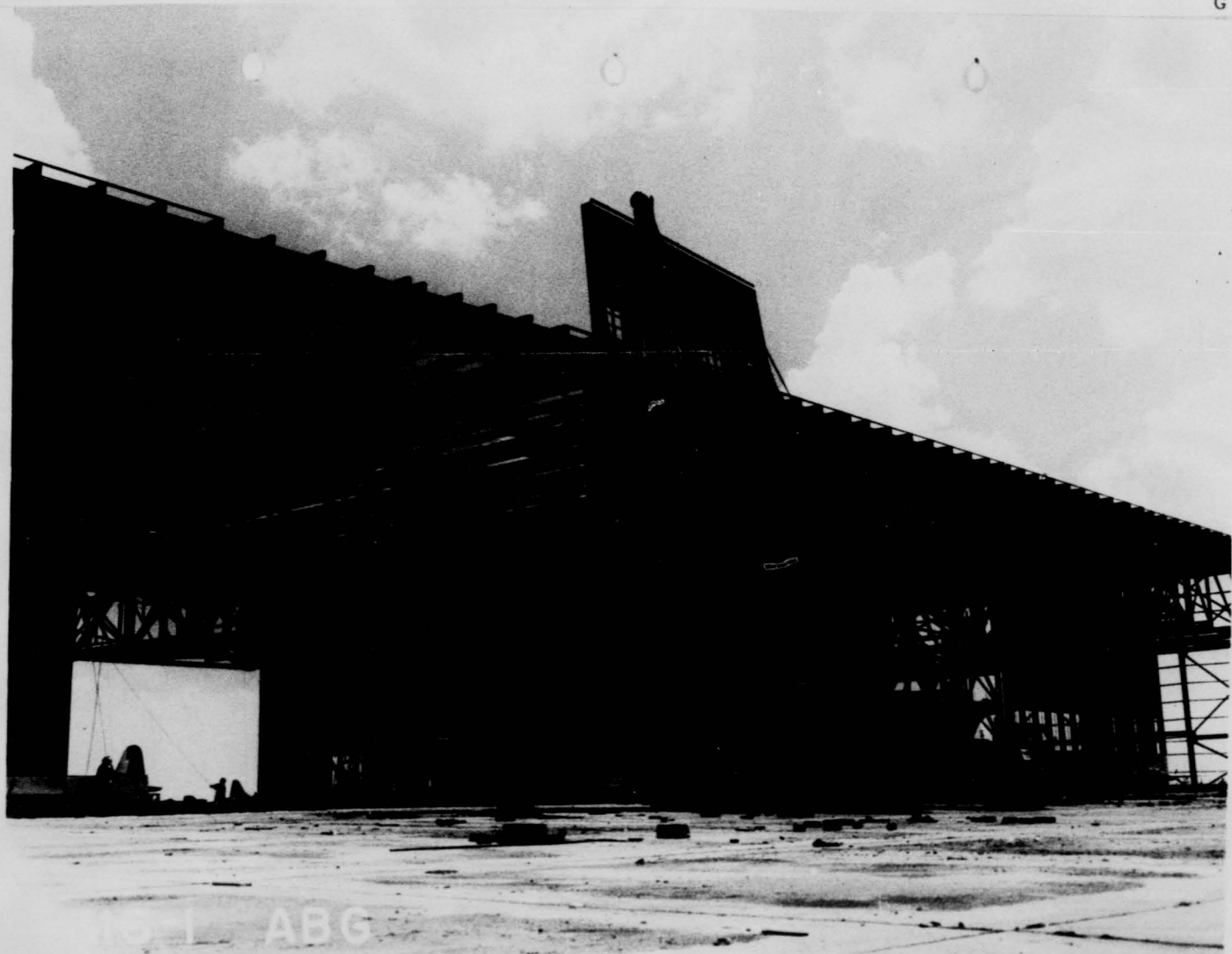
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Five place B-36 hanger is nearly completed at Walker Air
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