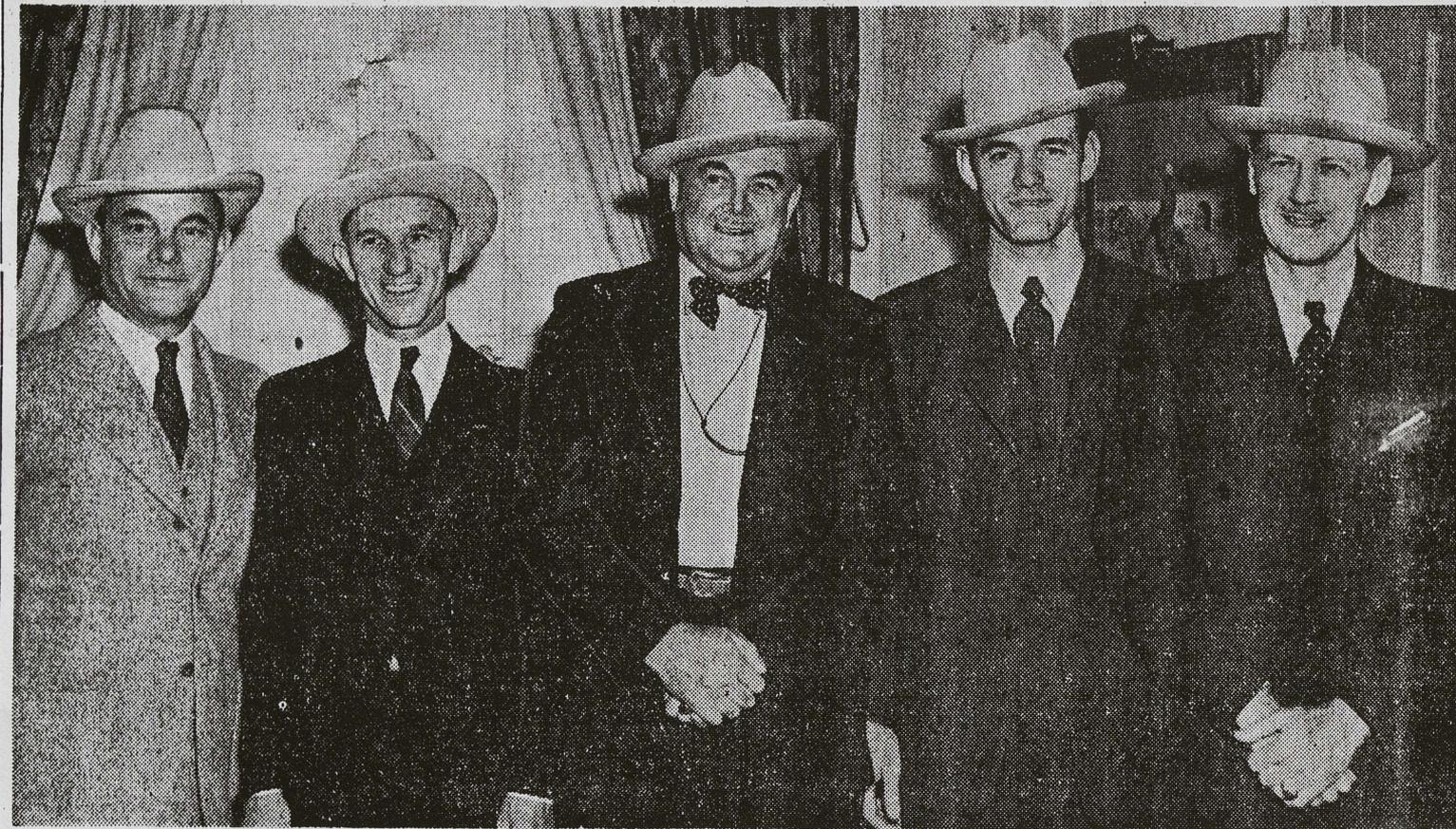


Four Air Corps Training Officers Visit Fort Worth



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Four officers of the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center, Randolph Field, San Antonio, visited Fort Worth Tues-

day night. Left to right are Licut. Col. R. K. Simpson, medical officer; Maj. J. R. Morgan, director of training; Brig Gen.

G. C. Brant, commander of the center; and Maj. C. R. Storrie, assistant director of training. On the extreme right is Maj.

Gordon E. Textor of Denison, district army engineer, who conferred with the flying officers here.

Recommendations on New Texas Air School Sites Go to Capital This Week

Locations for Nearly Score of Army Training Fields Already Determined but Await Final Approval of War Department, General G. C. Brant Says.

Recommendations on locations for nearly a score of new army air training schools in Texas will be forwarded to Washington late this week, Brig. Gen. G. C. Brant, commander of the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center, announced here Tuesday night.

General Brant said the sites already had been determined, but would await final approval by the War Department—probably within the next two weeks.

Included in General Brant's recommendations will be seven primary schools for training of flying cadets, three basic schools and a half dozen or more advanced and specialized schools.

Already in operation in Texas are primary schools at Cuero, Stamford, Corsicana, Brady and Fort Worth (Hicks Field); basic schools at Randolph Field and San Angelo; advanced at Kelly and Brooks Fields; and a specialized bombardier

school at Ellington Field, Houston.

Scheduled for operation soon is a gunnery school (pursuit in the specialized class) at Victoria.

Expansion of the air training program from 12,000 to 30,000 pilots annually was cited by General Brant as the reason for the establishment of additional schools in Texas.

"We have just finished putting the

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12,000-per-year plan into effect," the general commented. "This increase is quite remarkable when you consider that three years ago we were training only 800 pilots per year."

General Brant also pointed out that airplane products has climbed from 700 planes per month in January to 1,200 this month, and is still increasing.

"Most of the new training schools planned for my area will be located in Texas, although some will be placed in Oklahoma and Louisiana," General Brant remarked. The general's command is one of three air training centers in the Nation and embraces all States west of the Mississippi River and east of the Rocky Mountains in a strip running from the Gulf Coast to Canada. Headquarters are at Randolph Field.

The training center commander explained that despite the increase in schools in Texas, the State's training percentage in the national quota was decreasing due to construction of training schools in other parts of the South and West.

"Texas is training more pilots than ever before—but it will carry only a little better than three-fifths of the Nation's cadet output with installation of the new program," he estimated. "It now trains a bigger percentage of the national quota than that. And 90 per cent of the present Air Corps received its training in Texas, for until recently the San Antonio fields held a monopoly on cadet training."

General Brant was accompanied here by Lieut. Col. R. K. Simpson, medical officer on his staff; Maj. J. R. Morgan, director of training; and Maj. C. R. Storrie, assistant director of training; all of Randolph Field. They will return to Randolph Wednesday in a B-18 bomber.