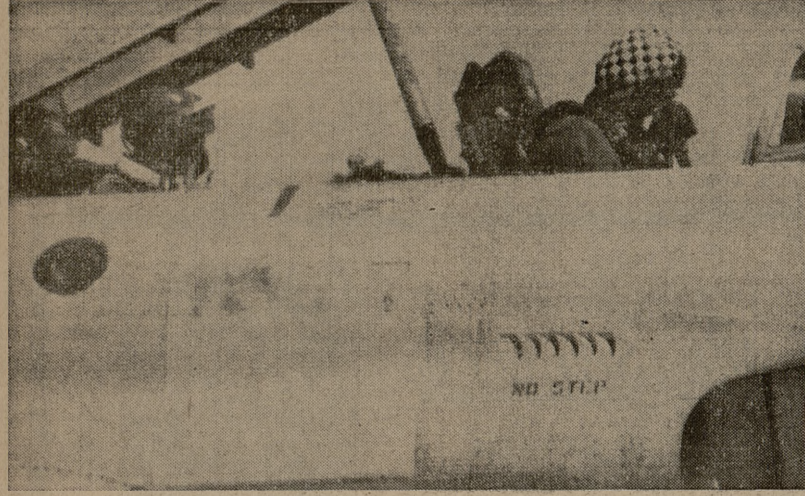


20 Minute Ride

# Staff Member Becomes AF 'Tiger'



**TIGER HAT**—Jon Kinslow, Battalion managing editor, is fitted with a flight helmet and oxygen mask in preparation for his flight in a T-33 Saturday. The flight was part of the Armed Forces day activities.

By JON KINSLOW  
Battalion Managing Editor  
Now I can say I'm a true Tiger because I have flown more than 500 miles an hour in a jet.  
It all happened Saturday as a part of Bryan air force base's celebration of Armed Forces day. Newspapers in this area were asked to send a representative to take a ride in one of the T-33 jet trainers. By casting of the black spot of death, I drew the assignment for The Battalion.

Having never flown in anything more powerful than a souped-up automobile, I didn't know just what to expect. I had heard that taking your first flight in a jet was the best way to start, since "you didn't feel a thing." At first I was puzzled as to just what that meant.

Saturday morning I went to BAFFB, complete with photographer. When I reached the pre-arranged meeting point with Lt. McCarthy, who was in charge of the flights, all I found was several air force men standing around looking me over, like an undertaker measuring a prospective client for a casket. I started to feel uncomfortable.

**We Get Outfitted**  
It wasn't long, however, until Lt. McCarthy arrived and they began to outfit us for the flight.

The apparel consisted of a helmet resembling one used for playing football and an oxygen mask. Straps were adjusted and screws replaced and then it was tested. For a test, an airman put his hand over the end of the tube and told me to breathe. Since he had his hand over the opening, this was impossible, so he decided it was all right, mainly because of the air force blue color of my face.

From there we went to Base Operations for more flying gear. On the way over, I was told tales calculated, I suppose, to frighten me. If the ride over had lasted much longer, I might have been scared, but as it was they didn't worry me too much.

**More Apparel**  
Once in Base Operations we sat. And we sat some more. Finally, parachutes and seat cushions were issued and after a very quick check by the flight surgeon we were ready to go.

Walking out on the flight line, all I could see was T-33's. The pilot assured me he was most competent, since he had been flying jets for eight years. After what seemed a three-mile hike, we reached our destination, number 441.

Laying his hand on the plane, the pilot said, "100,000 of aluminum". This sounded pretty substantial.

Then came a short drill on the use of the parachute the government had been so gracious to loan me. That part I memorized very thoroughly.

Up the fragile ladder and into the cockpit—a tight squeeze considering the chute on my back. I settled down while I was given an-

other drill on how to get out of the plane in a hurry, via the ejection seat. This I also learned thoroughly. Actually, I would hate to have to use the seat since it is somewhat of a complicated procedure, like being shot out of a gun.

Once we were both settled, the pilot waved his arms and the engine started. We began taxiing down the runway, and I began to get the feel of a Tiger. Once we reached the end and were ready for takeoff, the cockpit was closed and the refrigeration unit was turned on. It seemed as if the temperature dropped 50 degrees.

Faster and faster the ground flew by, and soon we were airborne.  
Banking away from the field, I noticed a lake to the left of the plane. The pilot told me it was the Alcoa Aluminum plant.

**The First Roll**  
Suddenly, the world turned upside down and the pilot said, "Rolls easily, doesn't it." Apparently so. While we were high above the muddy Brazos, I asked how fast we were going.

"About 525 mile per hour," he said casually over the intercom. I thought that was pretty fast to be talking so casually, but I soon learned to get used to it.

The pilot seemed to take great delight in doing all sorts of odd maneuvers. Each time he would complete one, he would ask if I was all right. Although it may have

been a disappointment to him, I always managed to answer, "Yes."

**Dive-Bombing Houses**  
I was shown how to make a dive-bombing run and we completely "destroyed" a farmhouse and a railroad bridge. Each time we dived, the dive brakes shook the plane as if it was going to tear apart.

We did everything from a simple turn to a combination half loop-half roll. Still, not once did I gray out or get sick. (The captain later remarked that I had a strong stomach. "Had" is right.)

All too soon we were coming in low over the road in preparation for a landing. Then I felt the wheels touch and the roughness of the runway. We slowed, turned, and taxied back into our original position.

I unhooked a maze of wires, buckles and straps and climbed out down the fragile ladder. The pilot shook my hand as if to doubt the fact that I had lived through it.

**The Happy Tiger**  
Parachute in hand I strode away from the plane, happy with the feeling that I, the man who didn't get an air force contact, had been a Tiger for 20 minutes.  
There was one thing I learned Saturday. One of the men at the base said, "This Tiger campaign is so much noise. It's the good pilots that live long, not the Tigers."

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J. P. Abbott  
Dean of the College

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H. L. Heaton,  
Registrar

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