

1958



VAPOR TRAILS

## WE PRESENT . . .

*Vapor Trails* is not an ordinary yearbook, for it represents the combined efforts of the staffs of nine American high schools overseas. Scattered over three continents and in six countries, the students in these schools are nevertheless bound together by the common experience of going to school in a foreign land. The yearbook staff in each of the nine areas, which reach into Europe, Asia Minor and North Africa, emphasizes its own surroundings and background through its individual theme, pictures and art work in its own section.

We find many aspects of this life to be the same as pupils find them in the United States. The struggle with algebra, English and chemistry, the words Prom, basketball game, cheerleader and pep rally mean as much to us abroad as they do to those "back home".

There are differences, however, and one, of course, is our surroundings. Instead of an American background we have the sleepy English countryside, the green valleys of France and Germany, the burning deserts of Libya and Morocco, or the hills and mountains of Turkey.

We can explore palaces in England and castles in Germany and France; we can stand on the invasion grounds in North Africa or even where the Crusaders camped in Asia Minor long ago.

Life overseas has brought many changes to us, especially in our knowledge and in our understanding. Having ringside seats in watching political developments in the countries in which we are living, we can now better grasp the meaning of these nations' problems.

Attending concerts and parties, competing in sports events, working together in music programs, art exhibits and welfare projects with the young people of our host countries, we have learned new languages, new ways and new customs and have made lasting friendships. In our role as junior ambassadors we hope that we have left with our friends, the people who will guide the destiny of their country, an understanding and respect for us and our country.

So we present in pictures and words this record of our high school days — our 1958 *Vapor Trails*. May it serve as a treasure-chest of memories for each of us!



*TO THE USAFE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS OF 1958*

*It is a real pleasure to extend to each of you congratulations for having successfully completed this important phase of your formal education.*

*Edmund Burke once said that "Education is the cheap defense of nations". Certainly you are all aware that we are having to put forth enormous effort today for our national defense. That defense, for which we are paying so dearly not only in effort, but in dollars and manpower, has so far enabled us, in cooperation with our NATO allies, to sustain freedom for the past decade in the face of international tension of fluctuating intensity. This position of strength we must maintain for the foreseeable future and about that there can be no doubt. But scientific progress will unquestionably bring about dramatic changes in the composition of our strength and in our relationship with other nations of the Free Alliance, so that tomorrow's world — the world in which you will find yourselves bearing heavy responsibilities — will present challenges difficult to perceive even at this advanced stage of technological progress.*

*You who are graduates this year in the USAFE high schools have enjoyed a tremendous advantage over your contemporaries in the States: You have had a priceless opportunity to absorb the culture of these historic and colorful countries in which your parents have been stationed. And I hope the experience has made a vivid, indelible impression upon you. I hope, too, that you have observed that many of the problems of differing ethnic groups begin to dissolve as people meet, rub shoulders, compete on the athletic field and enjoy the same social functions.*

*It is with a broader understanding, then, that you can undertake the next phase of your educational development, preparatory to assuming your full responsibility as the leaders of tomorrow.*

*My best wishes to each of you.*

F. F. EVEREST  
General USAF  
Commander-in-Chief



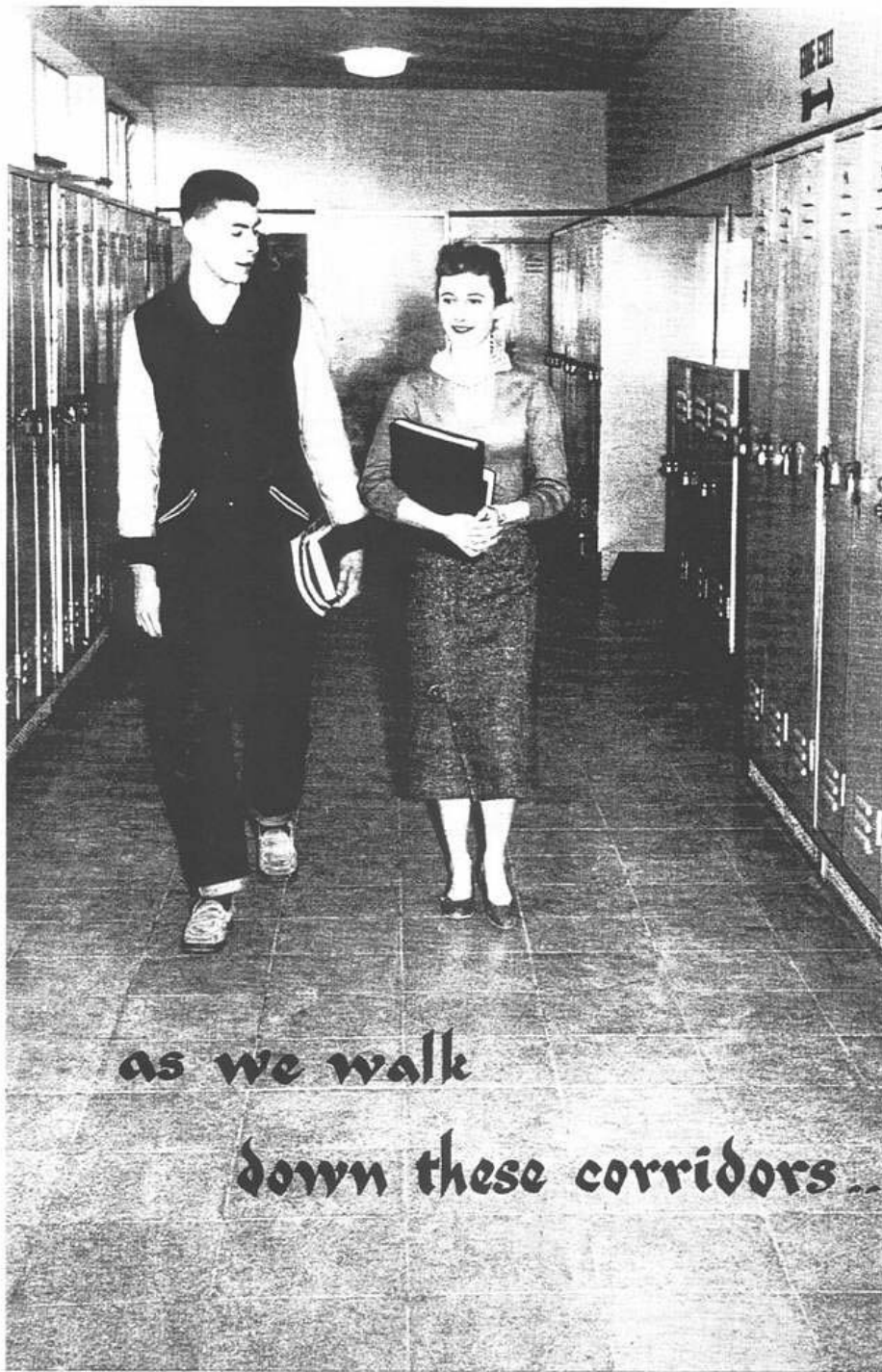
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE USAFE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 1958

*The United States Air Forces in Europe, through the 7135th School Group, have provided you with a High School education which compares most favorably with the best standards in the United States. In addition, you have had the great educational advantages of living and traveling in foreign countries, learning the customs of various nationalities and mingling with the local people. You also have had the privilege of representing our great country as junior ambassadors of the United States. I am certain you have contributed much to the mutual understanding among people which is so essential in maintaining a peaceful world.*

*Your senior high school year has been marked by a major turning point in history with the space race into the space age. The accelerated pace of scientific advancements is almost beyond belief and presents many challenges to us as individuals and as a nation. America and American citizens have always met past challenges with determination and success. I am confident that all our USAFE graduates this year will meet the challenges of the future with the firm determination to maintain American leadership in a peaceful world. I wish you all the greatest success and happiness in your future endeavors.*

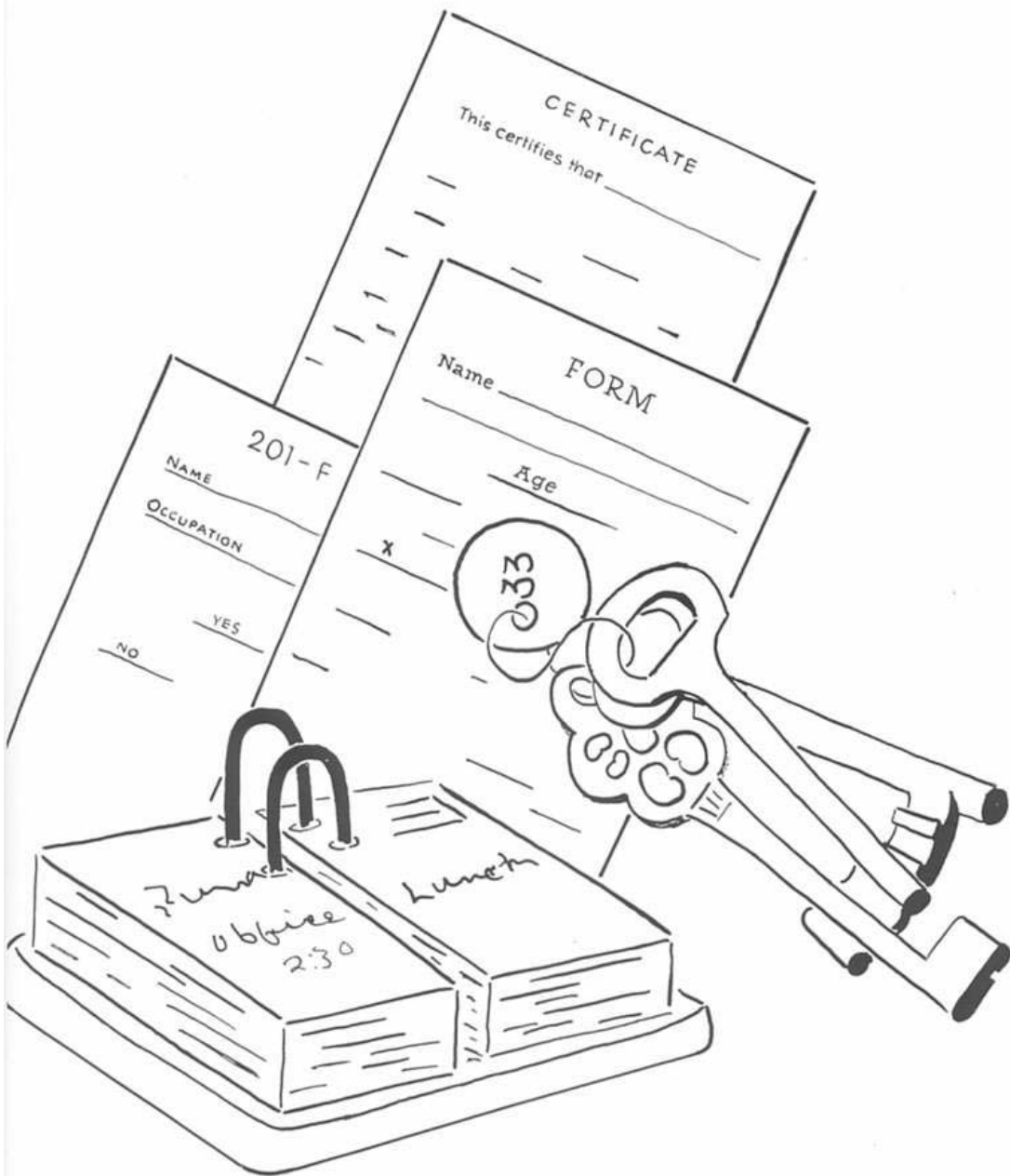
*Joseph A. Bulger*

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*as we walk*

*down these corridors...*



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*With their guidance*

*Teachers show us the way*



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*1st Year  
1947*

*To explore new fields*

*Some chance,  
be good!  
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*To widen our horizons*



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I wish to see you  
and your wife  
and your children  
in the future  
I hope to see you  
in the future*



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and your wife  
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*Ask us!*



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*Huh?*



*Here's an idea-*



*Was ist los? ~~Helene~~ Sidel*



*In New Hampshire-*



*Test tubes*



*Sit down!*



*At the game- Satisfaction*



*What a relief!*



*Ah, School's out!*