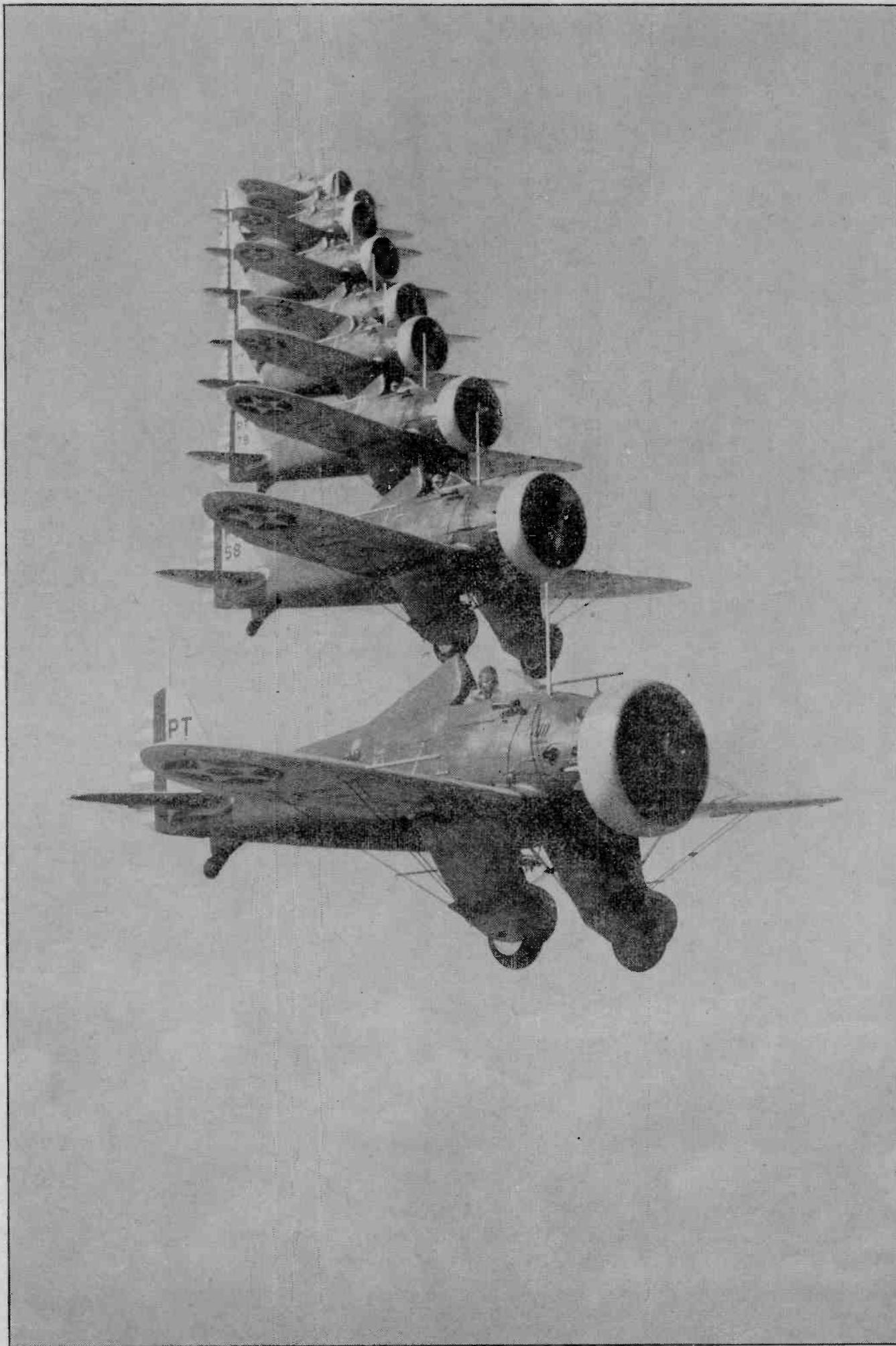


# THE RADIO PLAYBILL: THIS WEEK — "HOWIE WING"



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WHEN Young America tunes in on "Howie Wing" they are listening to an authentic saga of aviation. Fledgling pilots of the Army Air Corps flying in formation near Randolph Field, Texas (above), is just one of the thrilling scenes accurately described in the show. Author Captain Moore was so impressed by the training and personnel of the Cadet Corps when he

landed there on one of his practice flights as a reserve officer that he at once visualized it as the perfect background for an air drama. And the radio serial, "Howie Wing," was born. For episodes in the test flight of a transatlantic clipper, the Boeing Aircraft Corporation of Seattle, Washington, provided the source material, based on the Boeing 314, built for Pan American Airways

THE story of "Howie Wing" reflects the pattern of every young aviator's life. He isn't always a hero; but he is human and understandable. Howie started his aviation training at Randolph Field, Texas, under the strict but inspiring tutelage of Captain Harvey. After Howie's course is finished, Captain Harvey is assigned to test-work on clipper planes for South American service. He asks that Howie be assigned the job of his assistant on the trial flights. Wing acquitted himself so well that Harvey takes him to Botwood, Newfoundland, to aid in similar test-work on a 40-ton, 4-motored clipper that's to be put into transatlantic service if Harvey's tests prove successful. The parent company, Transoceanic Airways, assigns Zero Smith the task of helping Harvey in piloting the craft. Smith proves himself a heel by kicking Howie out of his regular quarters. Then he breaks rules by lighting a cigarette on a test flight. A fire starts from this, comes perilously near the gas-tanks, and only quick thinking by Captain Harvey and Howie save the ship. The next suspicious incident occurs when a submerged tank comes to the surface of the bay just in time to collide with the clipper's test take-off. Harvey and Wing barely miss the tank, which lowers into the bay as they whiz by. High officials of the airline, who are aboard, believe that this is Harvey's work to cover a mistake. But it is now apparent to Howie that Smith is conniving with Burton York, a phony insurance representative aboard, to discredit Captain Harvey and get him discharged. Fake navigation figures given by Smith on a test flight over the Atlantic chalk up another black-mark against Harvey. Broadcast over CBS, "Howie Wing" is heard Monday through Friday at 6:15 p.m. EST; 5:15 p.m. CST. For the West: 6:15 p.m. MST; 5:15 p.m. PST.



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NO ARMCHAIR adventurer is Captain Willfred G. (Bill) Moore, author of "Howie Wing." At 19 he was a fighting pilot, trading shots with German aces on the western front. His life experience parallels Capt. Harvey's in show