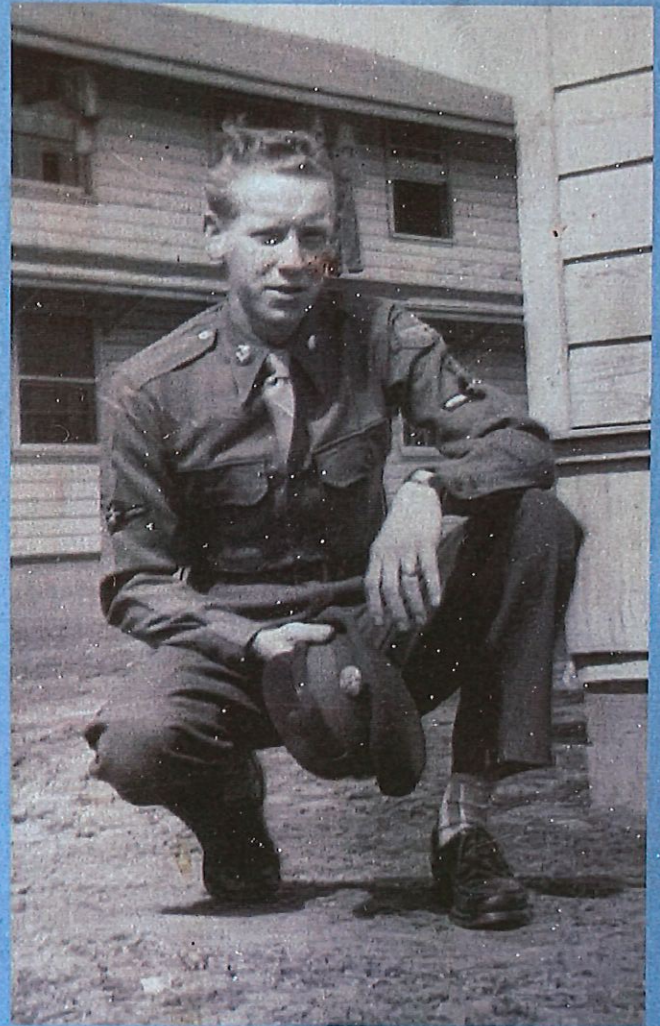


"For God and Country"

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AIRMAN'S LIFE ON SHEPPARD

DOWN IN THE TEXAS FLATLANDS
SHEPPARD IS THE SPOT
BATHING IN A HORRID HEATWAVE
IN A LAND THAT GOD FORGOT

CUTTING THE BRUSH WITH A BAYONET
DIGGING THE SAND WITH A STICK
DOING THE WORK OF A MULE
THAT'S TOO DAMN TIRED TO KICK

DOWN WITH THE SNAKES AND LIZARDS
DOWN WHERE A MAN GETS BLUE
DOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF NOWHERE
ONE THOUSAND MILES FROM YOU

AS HELL KEEPS RIGHT ON COMING
IT'S MORE THAN A MAN CAN STAND
TIS TRUE! WE'RE NOT CONVICTS
BUT DEFENDERS OF OUR LAND

NO ONE KNOW WE'RE LIVING
NO ONE GIVES A DAMN
BACK HOME WE'RE LONG FORGOTTEN
WE BELONG TO UNCLE SAM

THREE YEARS HOW DO WE STAND UP
THREE YEARS OF LIFE DISMISS'D
BOYS DON'T LET THE DRAFT BOARD GO
AND FOR GOD'S DAKE DON'T ENLIST

WE AS RED MEN OF THE AIR FORCE
WE DRAW OUR HARD EARNED PAY
WE ARE GUARDING PEOPLE WORTH MILL
FOR TWO AND A HALF A DAY

BUT SOME DAY WHEN OUR WORLD HAS ENDED
WE'LL GO TO A PLACE KNOWN WELL
AND ST. PETER WILL SHOUT OUT
HERE COMES THE BOYS FROM SHEPPARD
THEY SPENT THEIR HITCH IN HELL.

