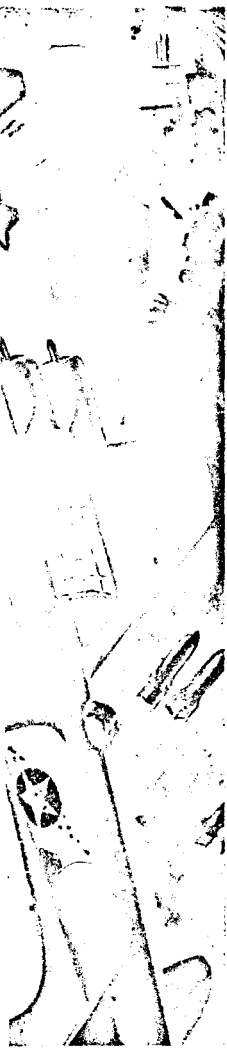


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2 The formation plows past a swarm of fighters, runs into flak, reaches the target. Smith's plane bounces as Barberis releases his bombs, then bounces again—hit by antiaircraft fire.



3 With two superchargers shot away, the Fortress falters. Smith and McCallum feverishly try to stay in formation.



4 Nose Gunner Gray opens up on a Focke-Wulf jumping in for the kill. The FW falls in flames, barely misses the Fortress.



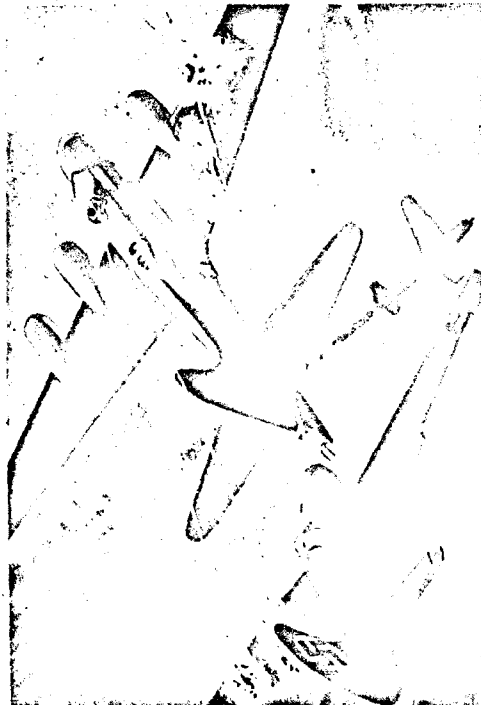
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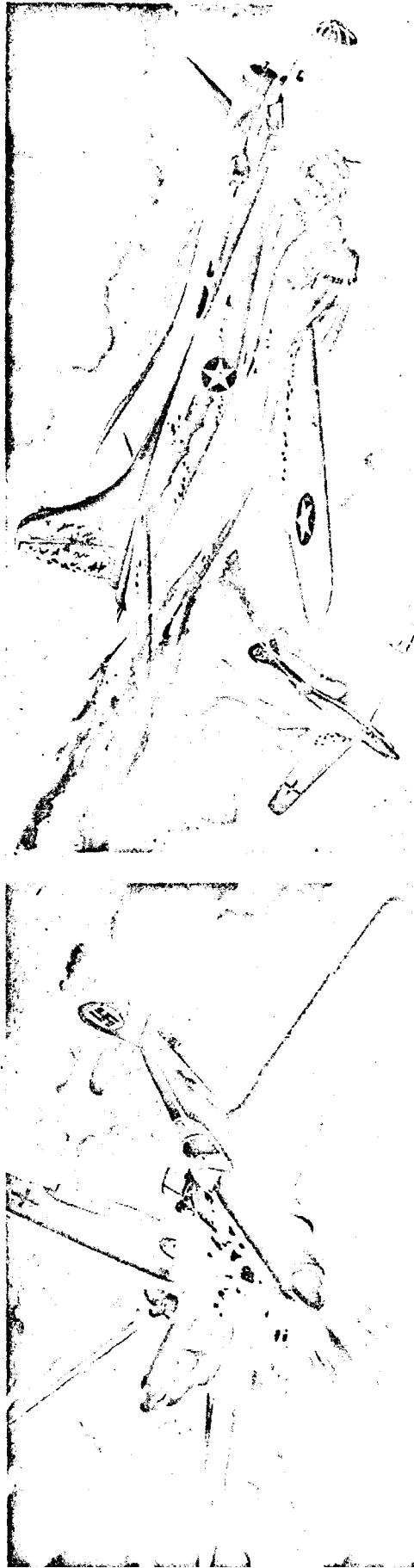
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8 One FW swoops from above. Buchanan starts firing at 500 yards. The FW keeps coming, gets close, flashes into flames.

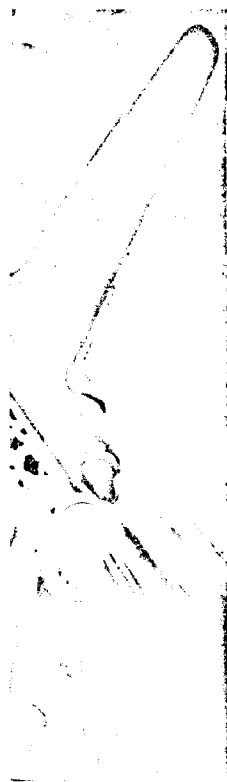


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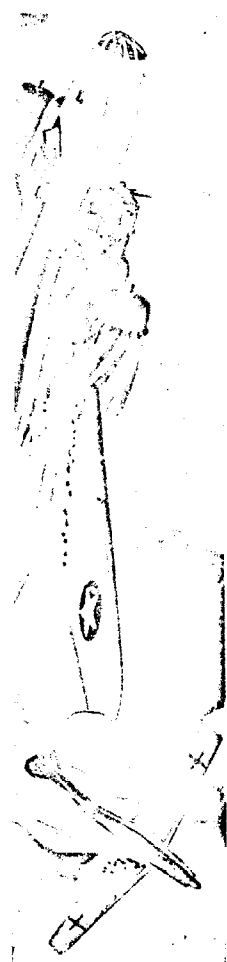


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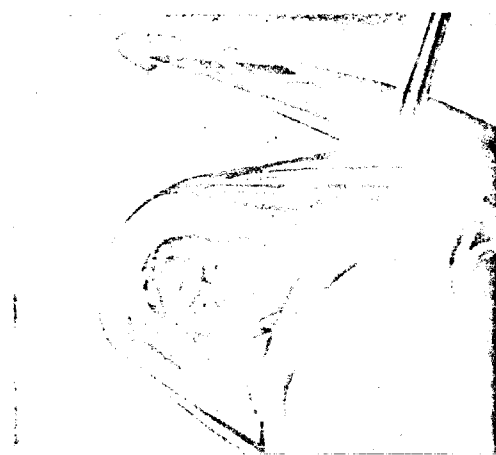




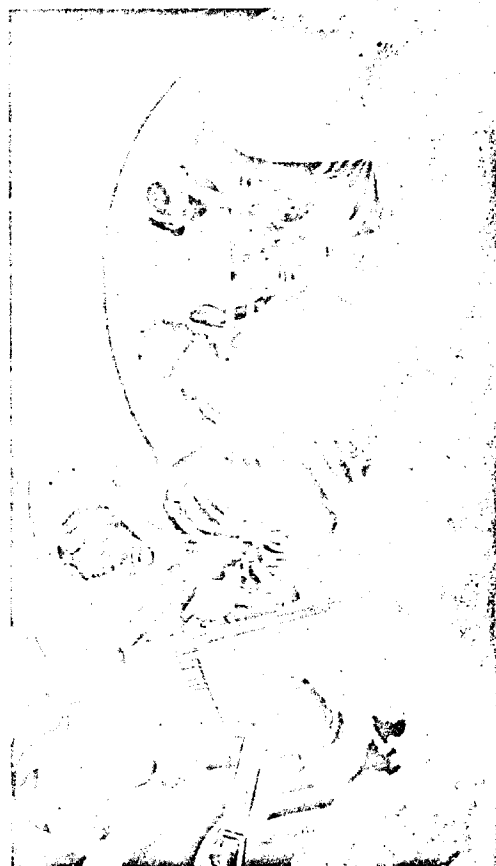
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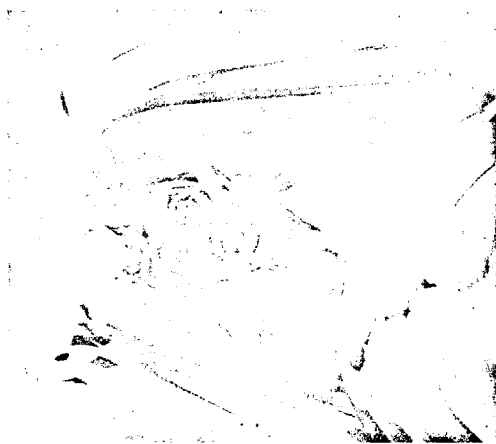
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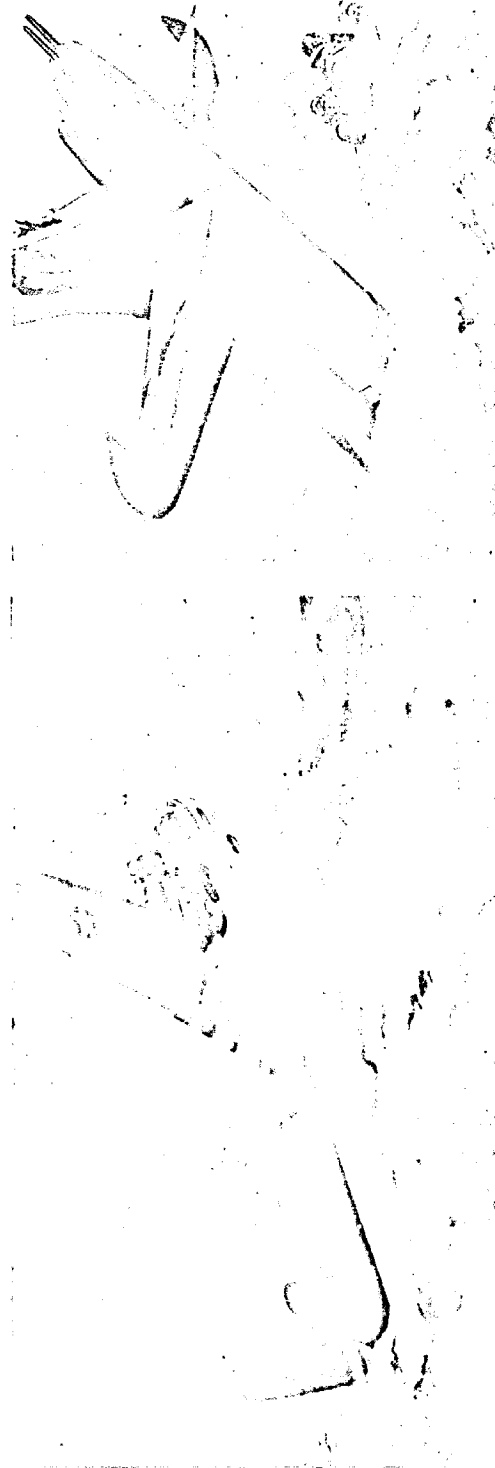
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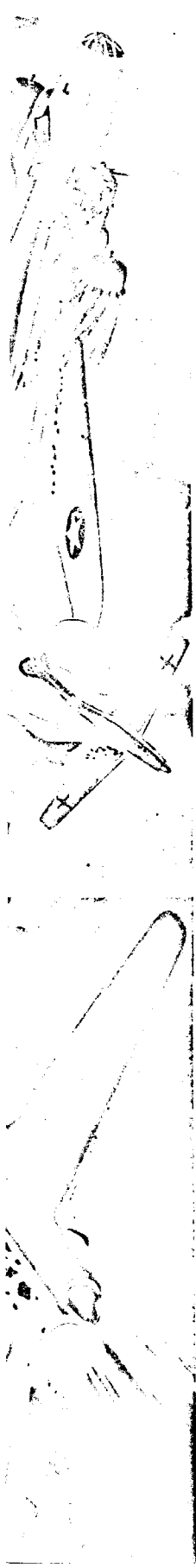


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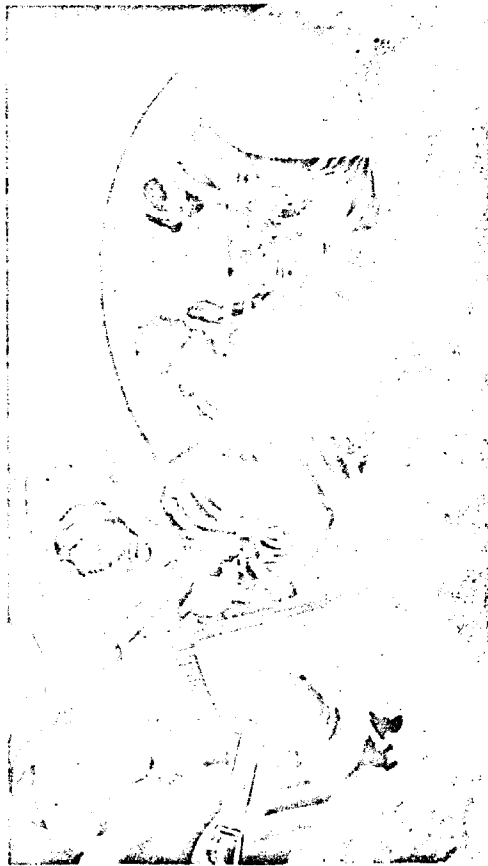
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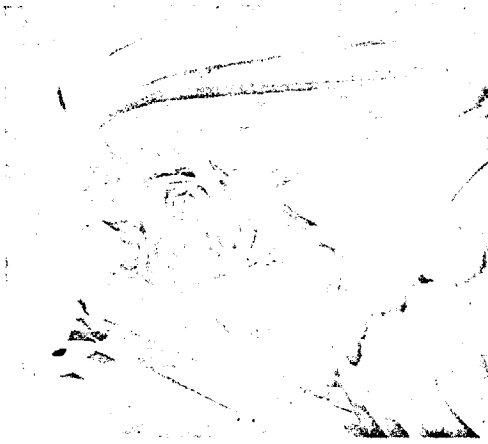


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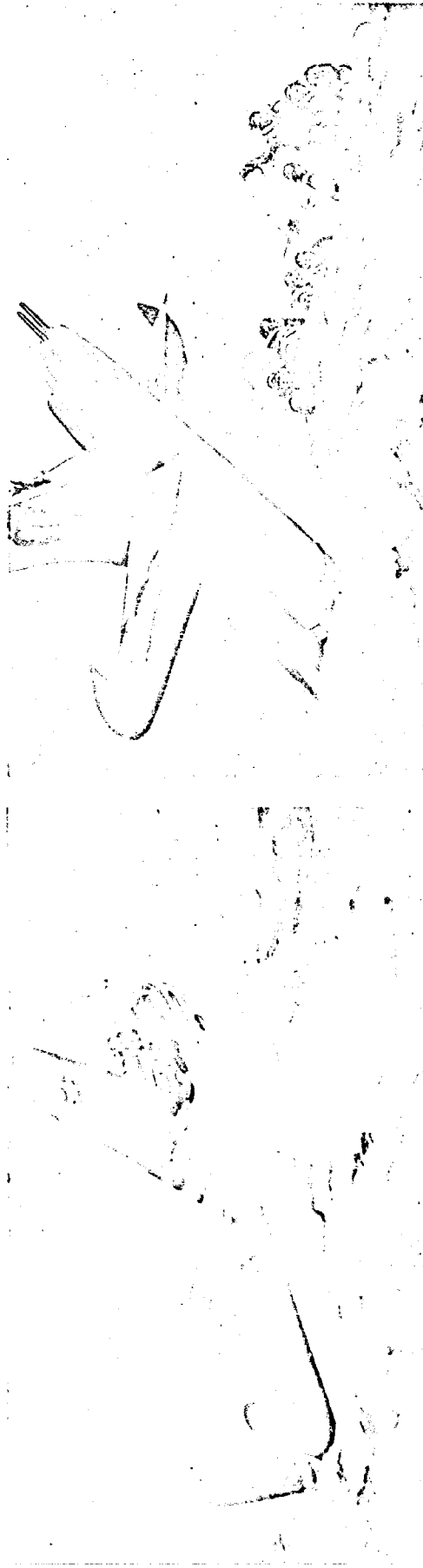
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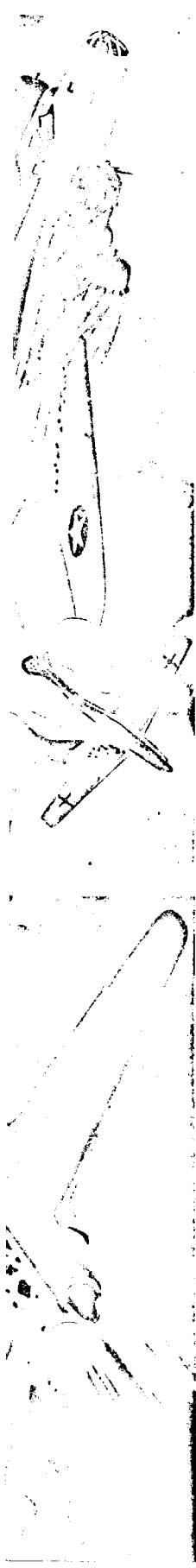


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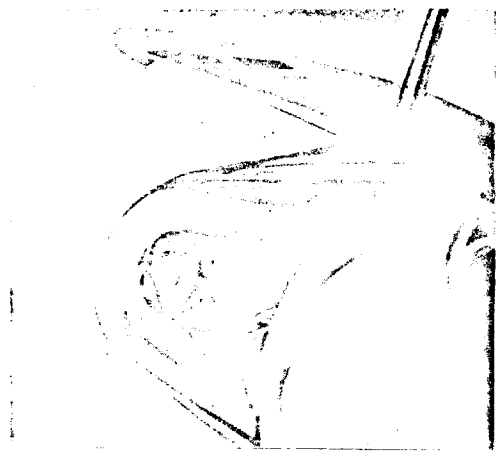
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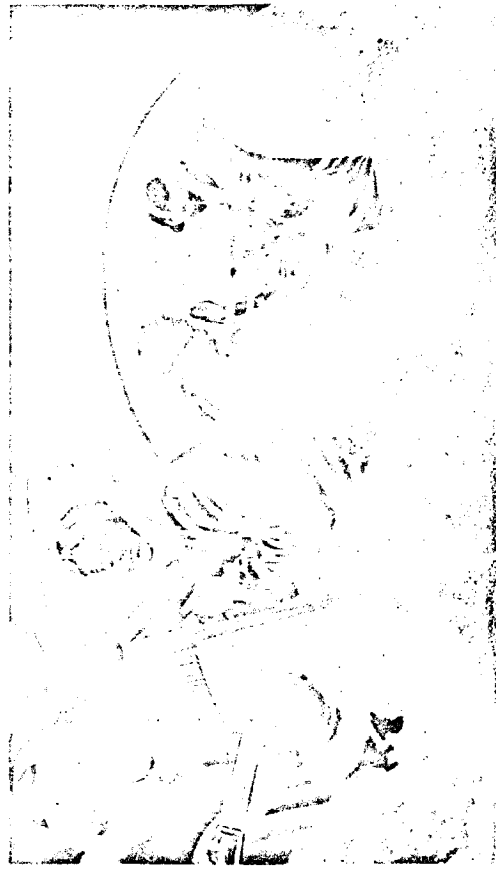


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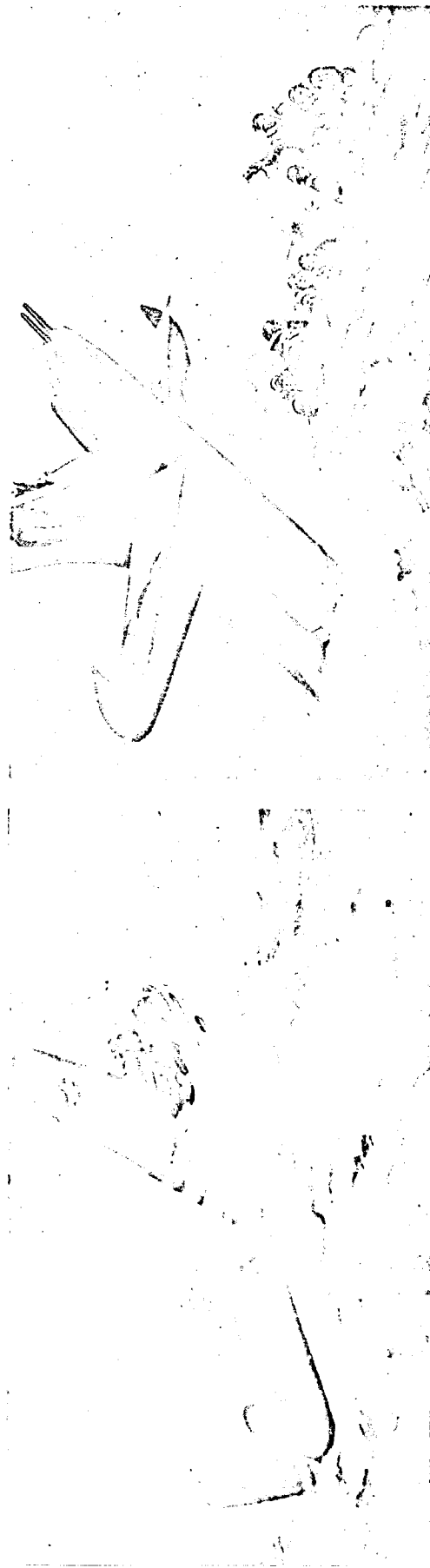
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