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Valmore W. Bourque, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valmore V. Bourque, 381 N. Main St., South Hadley Falls, Mass., graduated Wednesday, June 8, from the United States Air Force Academy. At commencement exercises, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree **and** commissioned a second lieutenant in the **Regular** U. S. **Air** Force, with the wings of **an** aerial navigator.

Prior to his commissioning, Bourque held the position of Cadet Squadron Operations Officer. A 1954 graduate of South Hadley High School, So. Hadley, he attended Williston Academy Prep School before winning his appointment to the Air Force Academy. At the Academy, Bourque was a member of the Cadet Ski @ Hunting Clubs. He also lettered in Baseball and Soccer. His first assignment after graduation will be to enter Air Force pilot training this summer at Graham Air Base, Fla.

The **Air** Force Academy, located north of Colorado Springs, Colorado, offers cadets a four-year course of Academic and Airmanship studies designed to provide a foundation for further development as career officers. The curriculum is neither a scientific nor a liberal arts program, but a balance of both. With full-sized classes of approximately 770 cadets entering each summer, the Cadet Wing will reach its full authorized strength of over 2,500 in 1962. Most graduates complete **Air** Force pilot training after leaving the Academy.

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