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Harold K. Halbower, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Halbower, Route #3, Anthony, Kansas, graduated with the historic first class at the United States Air Force Academy on Wednesday, June 3, 1959. At commencement exercises in Arnold Hall, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular U. S. Air Force, with the aerial rating of navigator, and awarded a Bachelor of Science degree.

Prior to his commissioning, Halbower held the position of Squadron Supply Officer with the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant. A 1954 graduate of Anthony High School, he attended Kansas State College before winning his appointment to the Air Force Academy. During his four years at the Academy, Halbower was a member of the Cadet Aero Club and the Protestant Choir, and was named to the Superintendent's Merit List during his first year. His first assignment after graduation will be to enter full-scale pilot training this summer at Moore Air Base, Texas.

The Air Force Academy, located north of Colorado Springs, Colorado, offers a four-year course of study designed to provide a foundation for further development in any of the numerous fields open to Air Force Officers. The curriculum is neither an engineering nor a liberal arts program, but a balance of both. Full-sized classes of approximately 750 cadets each will begin entering this summer. In 1962 the Air Force Cadet Wing will reach its full authorized strength of approximately 2,550, the same as the Corps of Cadets at West Point. Most graduates will take full-scale pilot training after leaving the Academy.

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