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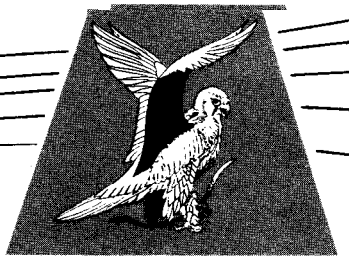

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Roland E. Walker, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Crum, Box 395, Toledo, Oregon, graduated Wednesday, June 7, from the United States Air Force Academy. At commencement exercises, he received a Bachelor of Science degree and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Regular U. S. Air Force, with the wings of an aerial navigator.

Prior to commissioning, Walker held the position of Cadet Squadron Supply Officer. A 1954 graduate of Toledo High School, Toledo, Ore., he attended Oregon State College, San Mateo State and New Mexico Military Academy before winning his appointment to the Air Force Academy. He lettered four years in high school football, baseball and basketball and three years in college football two years in baseball and participated in basketball two years. His first assignment after graduation will be to attend Air Force pilot training this summer at Craig AFB, Selma Alabama.

The Air Force Academy, near Colorado Springs, Colorado, has a carefully balanced four-year curriculum designed to educate, train and motivate young men for lifetime careers as Air Force Officers. It is neither a scientific nor liberal arts program, but a combination of both. The relatively new Academy, established in 1955, has now graduated three classes and will reach its full authorized strength of over 2,500 cadets in 1962. Most graduates complete Air Force pilot training after leaving the Academy.

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