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Ed Berisford

Phone interview

The Huntsville Times  
R. J. (BOB) WARD, JR.

amateur pilot

Luscombe - single-engine, 2-place plane

gave V.B. ride in Hsv. in '51  
in Lusc. to get him enthused again  
abt. flying.

(w/ V.B. 5 yrs. @ Ft. Bliss) } he & V.B. used to talk a lot abt. flying.  
hired on as machinist }  
- V.B. out 1 day @ old Hsv. airport - in '51? -> w/ Magnus

- Ed talked V.B. into taking a ride -  
like  
^ Beechcraft Bonanza - V.B. had:

ME-109 (light, <sup>version</sup> sted of fighter)  
@ V.B.'s disposal @ all times - but auth's kept close ck. on his use of it.  
4-place plane  
single-eng., 185 h.p.

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In Germany

→  Germans kept close tabs on his (everyone's) comings & goings there - (flying)

- Ed - Sept. '45 @ Ft. Bliss - signed up w/GE

- Ed - w/ ABMA - he joined Army @ El Paso

- "D.A.S.E." - Germans: Dept. of Army Spec. Employees" in civil service March '51

May 8, '50  
moved to Hsv.  
w/GE

tot

plant

little brown book -  
"Ft. Bliss Oldtimers"

> Brent Davis has it & other mat'ls.

602 Thornton Ave.  
near ball ~~park~~ park

- ride kinda fixed VB up again  
abt. flying -

(H) 534-2801

(3 of them  
got to flying again)

"Dr. Jensen"  
(Stuka)  
& Von Saarna

Al Borisford, instructor  
on Grumwood

@ Hazel Green Airport  
(12 families own it)

- just retired,  
turned 70

Al taught Maria V.B.

still has  
little office shack  
(10 Am till dark,  
he there)

\* V.B. said that, after flying large planes,  
"It feels like your ass is dragging  
the ground."

in Luscombe  
65 hp,  
1946 model

could he & bro. Al  
buy \$1,900 new Garland, Tex  
plant