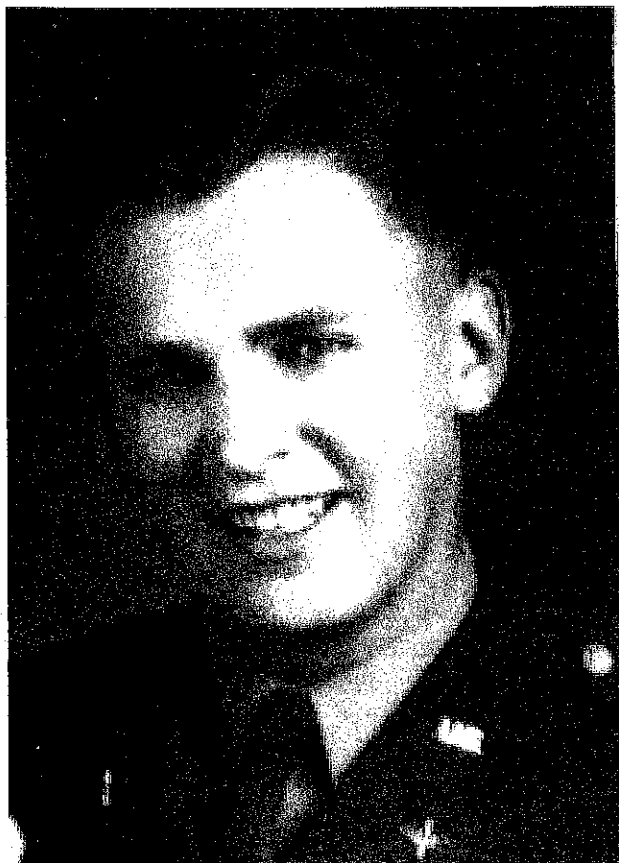


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Major Carl O. Bostrom

Carl O. Bostrom was born in Des Moines, Iowa on March 2, 1920. After elementary school in Rock Island, Illinois, he completed grade school and then high school at Marquette, Michigan graduating in 1937. Following college at Augustana and Northern, he joined the Army Air Corps in May of 1939. After three years of technical training at Air Corps Technical Schools, he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Following this he was accepted for cadet training and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on January 7, 1944. Four engine training in B-24 Liberators from January to July in 1944 occurred at Tonopa, Nevada. Following overseas duty for ten months, he was assigned to the Bomber Test Branch of the Flight Test Division at Wright Patterson Field, Ohio. As a test pilot, he joined a team working with Captain Glen Edwards testing the XB-46, a four engine jet bomber. This was followed by the preliminary testing of the Northrop all wing N-97 at Muroc, California, later named Edwards Air Force Base.

After discharge in December 1947 as a Major, he joined the staff at M.I.T. at the Flight Testing Facility at Hascom Field, Bedford, Massachusetts. He conducted the Flight Test Instrument Lab on several aircraft including the B-29, B-26, and JD-1 from 1948 to 1953.

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His military awards included three Air Medals and a Distinguished Flying Cross. The latter was received for a single sortie penetration without fighter escort from Venosa, Italy to Munich, Austria at night to drop a 6,000-pound bomb load specially fused to discourage repair crews in the railroad yards.

TJ Mudge, May 2004