

## Italian Airforce Cadet's Postcards

During the 1930's and 40's cadets at the Italian Airforce Academy designed postcards illustrating their dreams of becoming Pilot Officers

For the first year of their five year training to become pilots, the cadets were known as Pinguino ( penguins) - flightless birds.

The diamond on a horizontal bar represents the ranking braid they will be entitled to wear after successfully completing their training.



The presence of bombs in the illustration suggests there is more to being a Pilot Officer than attracting pretty girls!