



ARMY AIR FORCES BASIC FLYING SCHOOL
GOODFELLOW FIELD, TEXAS

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Hello civilians. -!

I'll start this note but won't finish this now cause "open post" has just been declared and I'm just on the verge of seeing what "civilians" look like! - We almost forgotten. - I think I'll advocate caging a few on every Cadet post - sorta like monkeys, so we can recognize em.

Thanks for your letters - keep 'em coming even tho I don't answer them, cause I like to hear from you and I can't help it if they won't give me time to keep my correspondence up to snuff.

How did you like "batching" it, Brother? - Bet you were glad to get rid of Melba for a while weren't you? (I'm glad I'm beyond Melba's reach!) and on the other hand - Melba, - wasn't it kinda nice to get away from Charles? - And now Janet is getting the break and getting away from the both of you! - My, what a snooty branch of the family.

Brother, I could use you here. We are studying radio and going thru with it like

one of these Vultures B.T's taking off! - This past week we had all the theory of radio itself + range stations (frequency, modulation, - C.W. tone, different type stations, etc.) and goodness only knows what next. - We had an exam in it yesterday and I lucked out with a 93 - don't ask me how! - Now I understand we go on with radio ranges - method + practice to locate + orient yourself by these beams - and code! - We are doing some link trainer for instrument work to prepare us for our night flying + night cross-country. - Never a dull moment. - And of course, - we fly! - These hotels are getting a little smaller each day now. - They are more like large boarding houses now. I've been ready to solo it for the past two days, but must wait until Monday - A sqdn. order. - It seems it's a rat race between instructors to see whose students solo first every class - so this time they issued an order that no one soloed till a certain date (Monday), thereby insuring that no-one got up who wasn't ready for it. They aren't so different to fly - just a lot to remember cause these ships are so heavy (around 4200 lbs), and the changeable pitch prop requires ~~a~~ an added bit of attention. - - Well, gotta go now, will write when I have time, but when will that be? - So long for now. ✓

Frank