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Hiya Folks, -

Here it is almost bed time - and I'm just getting around to my Sunday letter! - That will give you an idea of how busy I've been, lately! - I flew until six o'clock - so by the time I washed up, ate - relaxed awhile - and attended to some odds & ends around the room - it's ten o'clock! -

Been pretty busy this week. - Had two cross countries - one to Atlanta and one to Kansas! - Hardly seems like I get more than sleeping time here. - I leave my room early in the morning - and never see it again until bed time. Some times not then, when a long cross country comes up. -

Last week this time I had never ridden in a D.C.-3 (Airline plane) - we call it a C-47, 'apt once - to go to Capri & back last spring - and ~~this~~ as of now -! - Well - I've got this



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the required amount of time in - shot enough landings - and am one of the few bonified "first pilots" of that type ship of all the pilots on the field. - Not bad, eh. -? and today, I got my final check out as first pilot in an A-26! - It seems really strange to fly so many ships of so many different characteristics! - Some of 'em land faster than some of the others cruise! -

We had an interesting trip out to Kansas. - Cold + snowy along the way - but we were flying higher than the snow clouds so it didn't bother us. - Coming back was a perfect day - all the way - and by climbing to 10,000 ft - we had a 50 mph tail wind helping us along. - We made it each way ~~at~~ all in ~~one~~ non stop flight. - Thus going - and thanks to the wind - only 5 hrs. coming back. - I sure miss the speed of a B-26 when I'm flying some old slow

Our route to + from Kansas was:
 Savannah → Atlanta → Chattanooga → Nashville →
 Cairo, Ill. → Springfield, Mo. - Herington is SW of Kansas City.



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job like these '47's! Saw quite a few B-29s while out there in the west. - won't be too surprised if I start getting some "time" in those too, before too long. - The fortunes or misfortunes of a test pilot! - It's fun, tho, and I like it more + more.

Christmas is almost here - and I'm afraid I won't be able to make it to D.C. until afterwards. - I'll keep my eyes + ears open - and try to get anything going that way - even if it means just a few hours there. -

Savannah's society is swamping me with invitations for dances + teas, + buffet supper for the Christmas week. - Don't know how or why - but I'm sucker enough to find out! -

Am to be airborne officer again on the 22nd. -

Still have to stop now - but I've run out of news anyway. - Hope Ma + Pop are both doing hand springs by now. Lots of love,
Frank

Sure was good to talk to you last Sunday!