



LUBBOCK ARMY FLYING SCHOOL  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Saturday morn  
Nov. 7, 1942

Howdy Folks,

Says I to myself, say, says I, think I'll write me Maw, so here I am! - Hard luck for your side! He get a real break on Saturdays, - no P.T., so I'll spend the time or at least part of it musing around awhile. - Do you mind?

He had hopes of having our first Sunday off, tomorrow, - but that has gone by the board, as of yesterday. - We were weathered on the ground all day yesterday, last night - and so far today from the looks of things - at least this morning's group aren't flying and the 200 ft ceiling shows no signs of lifting so guess we'll sit around again. If we do we will probably fly next Sunday, too! - Not flying gets us nowhere in a hurry plus having to sit around the flight line for 5 or 6 hrs.. It wouldn't be so bad if we'd be excused to come back to the barracks & stuff. Guess we do all right anyhow, tho, cause most of us get away for an hour or so at a time anyhow. I'd have to keep a guard on a bunch of Cadets to really keep 'em confined when we get the rousing spirit!

While I'm thinking of it - Last Sunday when we flew - we flew formation most all afternoon. - Hell, Buddy (Lewis) took his movie camera up with him and got some shots when he was acting as co-pilot. He don't remember how they were - probably not too hot with it being our first formation in these Q's, and as I remember, it wasn't a very close formation even. Anyhow, here's the dope - He, having lived in Washington & stuff, sends his films there with his home address in N.C. as the return one after they are developed. Hell, we figured it this way - He will put my address on em, Eastman's will send them to you, - you can run them through the projector, and then send them on to his folks. - OK? There's no telling what's on em as they are his and he hasn't quite finished them. Hell send them on whenever they are finished - 1, 2, or 3 wks so don't worry if they don't show up. - I'm just writing this while I can think of it and will try to let you know when he sends them. - Also while I think of it - as I remember, I was flying a plane with the numbers 523 painted on the side. - If it turns out to be some other number - think nothing about it as we fly different ships each day and I got the numbers mixed! - In any event - there were only 3 planes in the formation, and if he took the pictures from one - that only leaves two left - and the instructor always flies the ~~the~~ leading plane, regardless of the type formation, so little Frankie musta been in the other one, veradck also, here are the pictures I said the Army took



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of us when we first arrived in Lubbock. - What's "Smulin Jack" got on me? - All right, I know, never mind! -

Our upper-class graduates this coming Tuesday. (Incidentally, they aren't getting a furlough!) Don't know just what kind of exercises they will have, but it's rumored we will fly for part of the ceremonies, trying to scare the spectators to death! -

Sat. nite 9:45 P.M.

No open post for us this weekend. - We're flying tonight - our first night. We are just getting checked out in these ships at night. Think we have to shoot 4 or 5 landings with an instructor and that's that. It wouldn't have taken so long 'cept where we were over on the auxiliary field, a ground fog rolled in on us. - We returned to the main air base and now have to stand by. There's another squadron using home base, so when they get through, we can start! - as I'm the last man on my instructor's list - they won't get to me till about 2 o'clock. - Ho hum! - Tomorrow being Sunday, it means I can sleep till I please - cause no ground school - but we fly again tomorrow

I want to send you too - they are pictures  
of the planes we fly -  
I've got some pictures out of a magazine I want to send you - be good - till if you  
can find a copy -

afternoon & night - and then Monday on we'll be on  
the morning schedule again. Right now, I think they're  
trying to get us all checked out at night so we can  
start over night formations. - And I used to beg for  
a chance to fly! - Oh - well - that's what I joined the  
Caydettes for - to fly! - Who am I to say anything? -

I ordered ~~two~~ part of my officer's uniform the  
other day. - I got a blouse (coat to you) for \$35, and two  
pair of officer's "pinks" as they call their slacks. - Those  
at \$12.50 a throw. - I got a real good fit with not  
a thing needing to be done to the pants except making  
them the right length. The sleeves on the blouse needed  
shortening & otherwise - Everything was O.K.. - I still have  
shirts at \$1.00-\$1.20 a piece to buy, plus a cap, top-coat  
and other incidentals. - I'm trying to have something  
left from my \$150 clothing allowance - but I can see  
not too much.

Thanks for the clippings on the new ~~old~~ Pentagon  
building - it sure must be a whopper - but then the  
gov't likes to do things in a big way.  
Also, thanks for your offer to buy me the  
ring sister, but it's too much money - you'll need it  
for something else one of these days. -

They just called me - all flying has been called  
off - the ground fog has reached here now. So what -  
it's too late to go to town - so I'll spend a very  
exciting evening reading & sleeping - The reading for  
entertainment will be novel anyhow - I haven't even  
read a magazine in ages. -

Ah, yes - one of the fellows got a book "See Here,  
Private Hangover" - It's real good - and gives a perfect description  
of one's first days in the "G.I." Army - read it if you