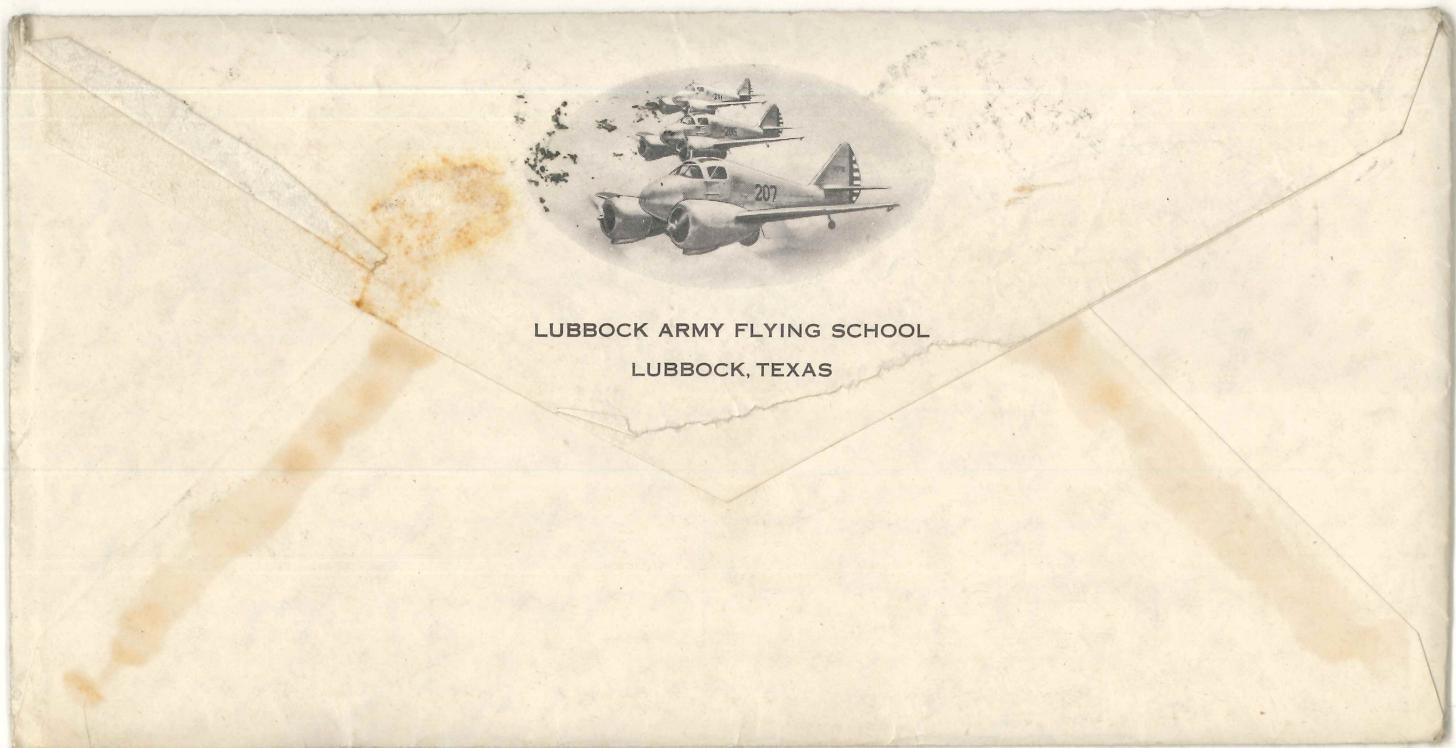


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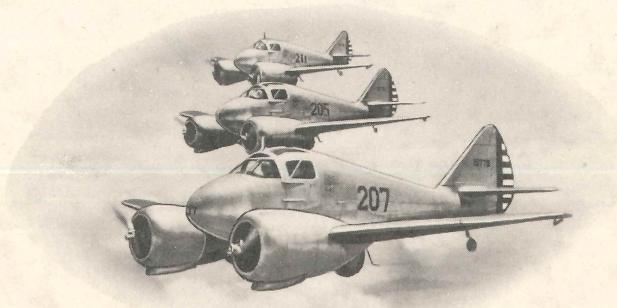


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Sunday morn again

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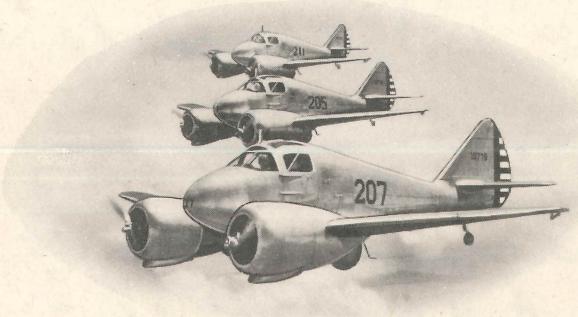
Greetings Salutations,

Here I am again on the Sunday morn, but not as usual! Nope - I'm not drunk & just have the day off! - Can you imagine a day off - the first since I've been here? I've already utilized most of it - or a lot of it anyhow, in sleeping. When I woke up it was church time and I had still to get up and dress, plus shaving so I thought a little more sleep wouldn't hurt as I was too late anyhow. Then about that time someone came thru the barrack selling Sunday papers, so I not only purchased one - I even had the luxury of reading it in a prone position in my little ol' "sack"! - Now - if that's not luxury what is? - Of course, the porter service was bad - I kept ringing the bell but no one ever came to serve me my breakfast! But then dinner is less than an hour off - so guess I won't starve, glam it!

We've flown every night since Wednesday.

Last night being no exception. We took about a 300 mile cross-country trip in formation, taking turns in leading. It only took us a little over 2 hrs, but was too late to go to town - that is, for me - cause I didn't have anything to rush in for. We went on a triangular trip - one leg being by Amarillo. It looks like a fair size city - maybe I'll investigate it one of these times when I have two or three days off! -

Things will be a little better for us now - or should. Our day flying is practically over - and we are to take turns flying alternate nights with the other squadron. Our ground school is finished so when we fly the night before - we won't have to stand ~~rehearsal~~ reveille till 7:15 the following morning. Ah, bliss! - In place of ground school now - we have a maintenance course that's starting. Don't know just what it will consist of. It's supposed to give us practical experience in the mechanical end of the plane - and a good thing, too, - but if it works like the course we had in primary - all it will amount to is reporting and the mechanics telling us to go sit in a corner out of their way! But it might be different - that was run by civilians & this by the Army. - Besides - with all the new mechanics they are getting - we know more than lots of 'em anyhow! With all I've learned - I always apply the suggestion given to me by "Tim" when



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I got my license. - He told me, "to never get in a plane without first checking it over, at least visually." It's surprising the number of little things you can catch up. - That's why I like these maintenance courses. The more I know about the darn things, the better I can understand their whims. - Then, too, I suppose I stand a better chance of counteracting the effects of these "Gambins" the papers are playing up. - ~~the persons~~ I prefer the Fifelines! - One of those devils must have been playing with our "gyro compass" last night, cause it sure wouldn't work. -

Before I forget it - if Buddy does send those films without my knowing it - I'd better give you his home address now: MRS. J. K. LEWIS, RT#3, GASTONIA, N.C.

Did I tell you they just grabbed a batch of us to act as ushers for our upper classmen's graduation? It was a very nice & impressive ceremony - but kinda short to culminate so much hard work! - You never saw so many God D* together in one place in your life! - And I wish you could have seen the chapel after the graduation! - It looked like shopping day on

a Dollar Day Friday Special! - He felt sorry for the chaplain + organist. It just lasted for hours and looked like an assembly line production!

We've been over New Mexico twice now - I guess the air above a state is part of that state, so do you reckon it's safe to add it to my list?) Both times were on a bombing mission. - The first one we flew in a 15 plane formation, breaking up for the attack. The second one was just 3 planes - we all took separate routes - arriving over the target at an appointed time. - All three planes met more than 100 miles away - all got there within one minute of the same time! - Not bad eh?

I think we are going to take a busman's holiday this afternoon. - We are talking about going to the local civilian air port and renting a plane! - Shouldn't ya know! I'll try to get my license reinstated - and for heavier planes - and then if we can - we will get a plane and go up and wing in out! - Several of the boys have civilian licenses anyhow - so will probably get to go up whether mine can be reinstated or not. - Oh, well - what else would you expect a flyer to do on the first day he didn't have to fly in 5 weeks?

I sure enjoyed my talk with you all on Thursday. It was one of the best conversations I've ever had when I called, so it was almost as good as a local one. Sorry I couldn't call earlier and catch Fred, too - but it's kinda hard to talk over the phone + fly formation at one and the same time. - I can do it on the radio - but not the phone! - Am about went out now, - so I'll stop for now. - Maybe I'll get a chance to drop a line during the week.

Fred, Frank