

Wednesday on  
the Flight Line  
July 1, 1942

Hello Kids,

You on the flight line again and a few minutes to spare so here goes if you'll pardon pencil.

Just came down from flying - didn't fly much, - just a little over one period. I was up an hour fifteen minutes and here lately I've been getting about 2 hrs. <sup>early days</sup> in. You should have been with me. I was solo and ran over everything practically that I've had. - I started off with "S" turns along a highway, went to elementary 8's and rectangular courses. - That's all low work around 500'. Then I climbed to 2000 - started "chandelles" till I was over 3000 and then did a combination of chandelles & lazy 8's - until over 4000. - Then several verticals, and some snap rolls - losing some altitude and starting spins from 3500. - Came on down to 1500, flew over the airport, picked up my wind sock - let down to 500', then made a 3 point! - (of course I dropped it about 10 feet but it was still a 3 point!) Now was that winging it out or wasn't it, and how would you like to have been along?

I fly sloppy as the very devil - just had these maneuvers taught to me so that's the reason for practice isn't it? - I'm trying to smooth them out. Just now these



jerky & sloppy. But I'll learn, I hope. Who's  
this guy Solittle?

I had my 20 hr. check on Monday. - That consisted  
of about the same sort of stuff I had to do for  
the inspector when I got my license. - It wasn't good,  
but it passed! - From now on they emphasize aerobatics.  
We tease each other by referring to one another as a  
"H.P." (Hot Pilot) I'll get another check at the 40 & 60 hr  
stage and maybe some more in between those. - You  
never know when or how often, and if you flunk one  
of them, you're washed out - It's truly a day by day  
existence.

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We have reached the halfway point of our course  
here. - Tomorrow we become upperclassmen! - And it's  
our turn to howl! - We've finished some of our ground  
school subjects and will get others to take their place. In  
meteorology they say we've covered enough ground to qualify  
as "Commercial Pilots" (that is, ~~likely~~ to pass the test  
that they do.) I've now got more than 25 hrs. flying in,  
and all I got while at Congressional was 35 - so you can  
see the pace we are kept at. - We have lost around 40  
of our class already, but you can see it's no discredit  
to them. (Gotta build it up, - maybe my turn tomorrow?!)  
Well, - most time for return to barracks & mess,  
so I'll stop this & mail it. - otherwise it may lay around  
for days. - Be good. & write when you can. - Hi, Janet! -  
Love, Frank

P.S. - Glad you got home with no mishaps. Know both you & the folks  
enjoyed your visit. - What's the matter - didn't Sarah set so well? - HA HA  
- Maybe you would have liked Oklahoma?