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Dear Folks,

One more Physics test, one more Maps &

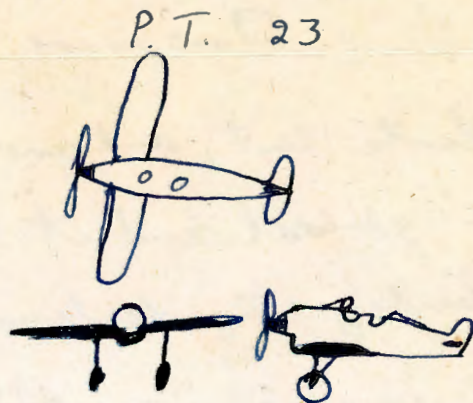
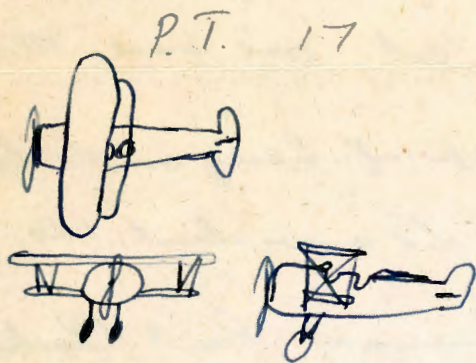
Charts test, and one more week of being on the ball in general and it will all be over but the shouting. My destination is known at last, Clarksdale, Mississippi will be my home for the next 9 weeks.

Our squadron is split up into two different shipping lists. One half are going to Helena, Arkansas, and the other half to Clarksdale. The 4 H club is split right half in two. Carl and Robert Harmon to

Helena and Harvey and I to Clarksdale. We hate to be split but it is going to happen to us periodically for the rest of our training days so we might as well get used to it. ~~Harvey~~ ~~Harvey~~

Helena and Clarksdale are only about 20 miles apart so we have already planned to get together on an ~~and~~ opportunity. I, for one, am going to cross that river on every opportunity.

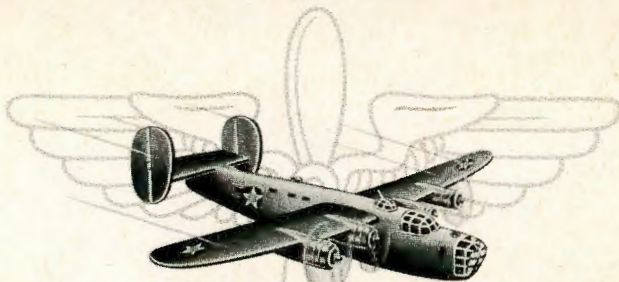
In my opinion the Mississippi and not the Mason Dixon line is the great divide in this great land of ours. The west side is the side I call home. I will fly P. T. 23's, six models newer than Jerome's P. T. 17. Here is what the two ships look like



My ship is six models newer than his and just the kind I hoped I would get.

That is all for my future except that all of this is subject to immediate change. If they had too many men in ~~my~~ my ~~Primary~~ Primary a few will be knocked off of the shipping list and put in the reserve squadron for a month. Such might be my luck but probably not.

Mrs. Hays, you put Lowell in the doghouse for no good reason at all. White gloves are worn at times other than when walking punishment tours. Such was undoubtedly the case because if he were



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being punished so wouldn't have time to pose
for a picture.

Papa, I never did get a report on the ice box.
In fact, I haven't had a report from you of
any kind since that Sunday when you and Manatuck
talked about writing me at the office. If you don't
have time to write tell Mr. McDaniel to get
off of his lazy fanny and hire someone to take
Mrs. Rundtree's place. I think that would be a
good idea any way. I'd also appreciate a report on
L. H., Wink, and Habert.

This will be all until the next time.

Love, Joe