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Dear Folke,

Did you ever see this hand writing before?

It belongs to yours your younger son, Joe. Haven't

<sup>a letter</sup>  
I haven't written in so long I have almost forgot.

law. Besides that Kaydets in Primary have  
lots and lots of things to do. **F**

First of all I'll say that my first  
impression of this place hasn't changed. It's just  
like you read about in pamphlets, books, and see  
in picture shows. Now for the thing that you

are most interested in I guess, my flying. I love  
it. There is nothing in ~~the~~ the world like it.

I may still wash out, I may never be a pilot but,  
it won't be because I don't want to. There is  
a lot more to flying than the decline, I am finding  
that to be true more every day. Up to now I have

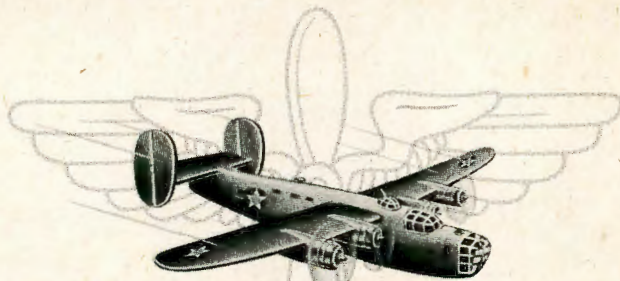


4 hours and 44 minutes and am doing O.K. so far as I can make out. I want ~~to~~ get to solo for a couple of weeks yet but I could do it right now if ~~the~~ my instructor would let me. I can't do all, or hardly any of the maneuvers yet but I can take off, turn, and land and that is all that is necessary for ~~being~~ soloing. My instructor's name is Mr.

Coffey, he is an ex salesman, and he does love to talk. He is an excellent instructor and I like him very much. The first day, he made the bold statement, "I am the best instructor on the field, if I weren't, I would copy from the best." I scoffed at him at the time he said it but <sup>now</sup> I believe he was telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. When other instructors ~~are~~ rare, stomp, and swear, he talks over the inter-phone system while we are flying like a man would talk to a friend, ~~to~~ blind dog on a contest day.

The weather here has been pretty good but evidently the higher ups are expecting some bad because they made us fly last Sunday. We didn't have classes though, so half a day off was a good rest. I don't





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whether I have ever mentioned it or not but  
Classes are being continued here. They are teaching  
us things things that really pertain to airplanes  
such as Theory of Flight, Aircraft engine and aircraft  
construction. ————— Japs so I'll quit.

Love, Joe.

