



GREENVILLE ARMY FLYING SCHOOL
GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

Sunday Afternoon

Dear Mama, Papa, Amy, Brother,
Gertrude, Ruth, W. Y., Iris,
Cecil, Weaselpuss, and Eddie,
Howdy,

This is just a line to let all
of you know that I am still alive and
kicking. Since I have neither carbon paper
or a typewriter I'll have to depend on Mama
or Amy to get this circulated. I think Ruth
is ⁱⁿ ~~up~~ the same boat I am on that score so
she can sympathize with me. I wonder if
a typewriter would do me any good anyway.

A-S-D-F-G space H-I-K-L-; space, I guess
it would after all. I want all of you to
know that I am staying home this afternoon
and not going to la ciudad de Greenville
just so I can write this and a couple of

Then letters, I also have about six hours of steady work to do on my navigation problem, this might have influenced my staying home just a little bit.

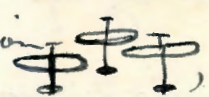
Now for about me. I'm holding up under the strain pretty well. The Army has scientifically figured out just how hard and far they can drive a man without killing him. I think they figured it closer here than at any other place, but nevertheless it's been figured. Believe me though, they didn't allow much margin for error. One thing about it ~~though~~, what they take ~~it~~ away from us in sleep etc., they give back in food. I just got through finishing off two ~~big~~ huge portions of fried chicken ~~plus~~ ^{plus} mashed potatoes, green peas, slow, hot rolls & butter, coffee, milk, ice cream, and cookies. It was delicious, and almost made me homesick. Better not or else I'll go straight out and put in another long distance call to F.W. 41254



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as for my flying, its coming along
"as well as can be expected." I soloed
at six hours, one hour over the minimum
allowable, and $\frac{1}{2}$ the maximum allowable.
Some of the boys aren't making it at all.

There are three different types of airplanes
here, the B. F. 13 A, the B. F. 13 B, and the
B. F. 15. I am supposed to be able to fly
any of them when I leave here, I've already
tried my hand at the 13 A, and the 15, there
isn't too much difference. One has a
450 H. P. Pratt & Whitney engine, and the
other as a 420 H. P. Wright Whirlwind.
There are just a ^{few} minor differences besides
the engine. The 13 B is about the same
except that it has a full instrument
panel of instruments. It is used for

Cross Country, blind flying cross
country, instrument flying, and night
flying. I haven't done any of the above
yet so I haven't flown the air plane
yet. It also has a new complicated
radio that is now in use on all of our
combat planes. I say complicated radio,
the authorities assured us, just like every-
thing else new, that is ~~is~~ really simpler once
you catch on ~~to~~ to it. My flying ~~has~~
for has just been the routine transition
stuff. I'll let you know when I start the
glamor part of it such as formation 
cross country, blind flying, acrobatics, etc.

Now for the personal stuff.

Mama, your last cake was delicious,
I'll bet that you can't do that good again. I
also noticed in Church Bulletin where I
finished my flight training. If any of them
~~ask~~ ask you about it, put them straight.



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Army, your knife is a honey. Not quite up to pre-war standards but it does its main ~~of~~ and practically ~~of~~ only job beautifully, that is, keeping my fingernails clean.

Brother, If everything goes well I am due to get my wings in June. That is what the 44 F is for. F stands for the 6th month in 1944.

Ruth, your lost cookies were wonderful, especially the ones with the chocolate chips in them. Or were they all like that? Anyway I had and the ones that I remember.

Iris, your little god of happiness got here. The inspecting officer didn't seem to think ~~so~~ much of it during yesterday's inspection but I still like it. Thanks for the sentiments that went with it too.

Papa, I haven't had a report from you.

in quite some time. I want the report to
tell me what you bought yourself for your
birthday present too. I got paid again
yesterday so I am going to send another money
order home the first time I have a chance
to buy one. I wish up what it takes for my
insurance with it and save the rest, if any.

Don't put it in the bank or buy war bonds
with it, just save it. I may need it in the
near future. Around next June to be exact,
if every thing goes well.

This is about all so,
love to everyone,

Joe

P.S. Mama, the little card and the piece of felt one
from Plabody. Put them with my other junk, I want
to personally flush them down the toilet when I get
home, and think of Dr. Buffington when I do it. Oh yes,
how are the route and the sewer pipe - ha. Keta for
Mrs. Costalove letter too.

Love again,
Joe