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Dear Folke,

The army is going soft on me. Here it is another Sunday and we aren't flying. And what is funnier than that even, we didn't fly yesterday. If the weather stays good the schedule will be like that from now on, every Sunday off and ever other Saturday. They can do that because this is the good weather part of the year. I am not taking too much advantage of their generosity this week, that is I am not going to town. I've got a slight cold that has ~~been~~ been giving me a little trouble so I thought it best if I stayed on the post and rested my weary bones and give my cold a chance to get well. I did go to town yesterday afternoon to see Mr. Harmon, Robert's daddy. I had him hello

and goodby, purchased me a steak, and returned to my sack. I've ~~got~~ got quite a bit to do so I won't go idle today. Two more letters that I have to write take precedence over everything else. One of them is to Jack Cameron who is about to ship out overseas in an infantry outfit, and the other one is to Benny who is about to return home with a medical discharge.

After I get through with that I have to prepare my charts for three cross countries. I'll go on one of them Monday but I don't know which one so I have to be prepared for all three. One of them is to St. Louis to Blytheville, Ark., to George Field with a landing at Blytheville to refuel. Another one is to Shelbyville Ky., to Chanute field, to St. Louis, to George Field, with a landing at Chanute. Another one is to Franklin, Ind., to Bendix field at Southbend to Deatur, Ill. and back to George with a landing at Bendix Field. Any of them should be fine but naturally I am hoping for the one to Blytheville Ark., I'd like to land there and listen to some human talk again for a few minutes.



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After I get through with that I am going to study and try to learn what I should know about the radio range, flying the beam etc. I'll be starting that along with cross countries and formation flying the early part of next week.

I almost didn't have to do all of this, because I almost washed out last week. I had the same trouble I had in Basic with instruments, only here I was worse on else they expected me to be better. Any how I passed my check ride and was ok.ed to go on with radio work. I don't think that the fact that my check rider was a Texan had anything to do with my passing, much. Instead of giving me one of the usual check rides he took me up, found out what I couldn't do, and then proceeded to teach me. I can do everything I can

supposed to be able to do so everything is all right now.

Mama, your fudge arrived just in time to spoil my dinner and also the dinners of three of the boys in my barracks who didn't go to town either. They all said to tell you how good it was and naturally you know what I think about it. It is "transplendently splendiferous". I also got your letter today telling about the weather, Mr. Mc's being out of town, the new shipping clerk, Smokey, L. H., Ruth, W. Y., and the mint and iced tea. I guess I am not the only one that is having troubles.

Tell Amy, Brother, Ruth, and Louis, I wish I had time to answer their letters and cards but I don't. Tell Amy especially because I've had a letter from her about every three days. Maybe, if I don't have any trouble with instruments I can tell her myself about the 1st of July.

I've got to ~~get~~ drop Jack and Blenny a line and get to work on my maps so I'll quit for now.

Loads o' love,  
Joe  
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