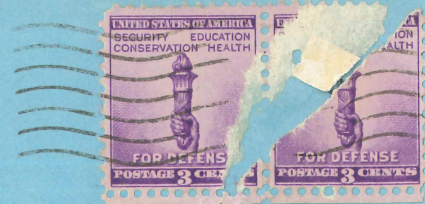


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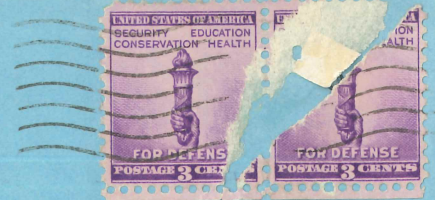
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AIR CORPS ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL
BROOKS FIELD, TEXAS

Monday afternoon
April 20, - 1942

Here Joe,

I am happy to answer your nice letter you wrote me about "nuttin". - I 2 no nuttin so with your kin permission I shall ~~not~~ write about the same subject!

Yesterday was Sunday, today is Monday, and if I can believe these latrine roomers. - tomorrow is Tuesday. - Golly day - with de nex day being Wednesday - why. - haf the week is gon! - Aint it wonderfull? -

Nuts. to that! - That's too hard on my limited mental facilities! - But I guess you gathered I'd received your "screwy" letter. - Very promptly. too. - It was post-marked April 7th and I finally got it yesterday - April the 19th. -! - I was very popular - getting about six, all toll. - dating from the 7th till about the 12th. - Good mail service, don't you think? - I know my transfer here to Brooks kinda messed things up like - but after all. - they knew where I was sent, so if mail was correctly addressed to Kelly why couldn't they forward it to Brooks. - cause they knew where I

was, at Brooks. And then, too, Brooks has had feelers out at Kelly looking for our mail, cause so many of us got mixed up by transferring to Brooks and all our mail going to Kelly. They thought if they could go from Brooks to Kelly and locate the mail for Brooks at Kelly, they could ^{help} at the office at Kelly get the Kelly mail to Brooks by bringing the Brooks mail back ~~from~~ Kelly to Brooks. (this is where I came in - it must run in the family!)

So, - you're really a plutocrat now, eh? - Buying new suits just to saw dead tree limbs ^{down} with! Some stuff. - Think I shall write Pop, pointing out to him just where the limb did break off and getting you to finish the job as it was started. Ha, I'll Blackmail ya! - Better be nice!! -

And quite an innovation in face washing technique, also. - Must say, I get what you mean and must use same for myself sometimes. -

But knowing Lyn, - I know you didn't come out of it unscathed! - What were your damages?

Had the day off yesterday! - The first time I've been allowed off post since arriving on the 28th. Quite a treat, too. We were off from 8 A.M. till 8:45 P.M. -! - Can you imagine their trusting us that long all by ourselves? - Didn't see much of San Antonio the way I wanted to see it, (ahem) but what I saw of it I still like. -

Bummed around town for awhile in the morning and ended up by going to Church! - As we came out of Church (There were 2 other cadets with me) some lady came galloping up to ~~us~~ and "just insisted" we go home with her & her husband for dinner! - (Shades of Biloxi!) Of course we said "no thank you, where's your car?" Anyway - we had a swell dinner and they spent the afternoon driving us around showing us the sights! - Very nice, interesting people! - They had a son, a captain in the Field Artillery, stationed in the Philippines. - haven't heard from him since Dec. 16th so naturally they were deeply concerned. - The wife, whose birthday was Saturday, said the news that U.S. planes had bombed Tokyo on Sat. morning was ~~for~~ the best present she could have gotten!! -

Don't have much to do here at Brooks. - As you no doubt have seen in other letters we are in "cold storage" so to speak. - Just marking time until sometime around the first of the month when we go back to Kelly "on the hill" and start our actual training. - Here we get plenty of inspections, lectures, lectures by motion pictures, drilling, and some calisthenics, - but not near so rough as at Kelly. - Our quarters are lousy but knowing we won't be here long helps us to tolerate them. All & all - I guess we're pretty well off. - Lots of the fellows gripe - but

they've never been an enlisted man !!

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Well, - gotta stop now! - I'm officially C. & (Change of Quarters) today so I'm really "working" now. Every now and then I look out the window at the boys chilling, pull out my handkerchief, wipe my brow, - and then write some more! - She is tough!!! - Bye now and write often - try pony express this time!

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