

LUBBOCK ARMY FLYING SCHOOL

LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Sunday morning
Nov. 1st -

Helb folks. -

I'm going to get a mimeograph to print some of these. - It seems that it's always Sunday morning and I'm going to fly in the After-noon. - He had hoped we were far enough up on our time to slide by this Sunday - with a full day off - but apparently not. - Better luck next Sunday! - I can remember the time when I used to hang around an airport all day long Sundays - just waiting for a chance to fly - and here I am - along with a lot of others - kinda wishing I could have a day away from it just to break the monotony! - All of which goes to prove - anything gets to be a job if you work hard enough at it! - Tho it's not a disagreeable one if you like it - more a chore, huh?

Everything is under control now.

I got back in the A.T. 9's this week and finally managed to drum it into myself how to land the darn things. So now I've been checked out in both ships. - Guess night flying will be the next headache. - Ought to be about time to start it, next week. - This last week I've only flown about 25 hours! - We started our formation flying this past week and that's what's run it up so. - We fly formation different here than in basic. - At Goodfellow we flew V's only, but here we fly the V's and what they call echelons - that is - stack all the planes on one side of the leader. We fly from 2 to 4 hours at a time - criss-crossing from one maneuver to another. - It's a good thing we have co-pilots to - cause some one else is needed to watch all the gauges and keep them properly regulated. The pilot has ~~has~~ all he can do just to try to fly and keep up. - These constant speed propellers don't help, either. - when you start falling behind, - the natural tendency is to give full throttle, increasing your speed - but not with this type propeller. - You give her the gun, - and what happens -?. your ol' prop changes to low pitch and you just sit there dropping farther behind all the time. - So you have to resort to all sorts of new tricks. - It's

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never a dull moment! - But I guess I'd better get back into something you'd know more about? Guess what I did last night? - I actually bought a pair of shoes. - It's quite an occasion for me, cause it's been well over a year since I did anything of the sort! - Some man has kept me supplied - they call him "Uncle" something or other - but from here on out - that's over - Who said it's nice to be an officer? I almost didn't get them, tho. These Texas stores are used to people with big feet both ways! - I went into every shoe store in town before I even got an "A" last. - They look at you like you're crazy when you ask for "AA"! - I thought for awhile I was going to have to get you to send me some - As Raleigh has my size - but I was leery of that. - I've walked so much since the last shoes I bought. I thought it pretty likely my feet had spread - but I guess not. - These shoes I got feel very comfortably being an "A" - but you can't tell a different style shoe might make a change in size. - You see - I'm not like some people I know (ahem!) I buy for comfort. to hang with the size! - (O.K. - I'll change the subject!)

Thanks for getting me blades + cream, Pop. - ~~the~~
Whenever there's something coming - throw 'em in. - There's
no hurry tho. - I got some on the post here at the
P.X. - The blades were only 55¢ so for that little
difference - I didn't think it would pay to put you
to all that trouble. - Back at Chickasha everything
was run by civilians and we had to pay dearly
for it.

There are a whole lot of new recruits here
on this post. - I see them every now and then
going through their recruit training. - Some of 'em look
so scared - poor fellows - I know just how they
feel. - Think I'll jump at them and say "Boo,"
sometime and watch 'em run. - That's all some of
'em need. - Shall I be that mean? -

I ~~saw~~ ^{got} a picture yesterday that they made
of us when we first came here. - These are Army
photos. - Mine would have been fairly good if
I hadn't had that cold at the time. - I'll try to get
a hold of one of them to send for you to see. - But
surely by now all the "rats" are scared out? -

It's getting colder here every day - and at
10,000 ft - it doesn't get any warmer! - Thank
goodness my "open cock-pit" days are over! -

Call + get Roy's address sometime, will ya. - I
ought to write him but now he's out of the hospital.
I don't know where to reach him. -

Gotta go and get ready to go "upstairs" now.
so 'bye till next time. Love
Frank