



AVIATION CADET
SANTA ANA ARMY AIR BASE
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA


Friday afternoon
August 27, 1943

Dear Dad,

They are to announce our primary schools in an hour but I have already seen my shipping orders — I am going to Phoenix, Arizona — Thunderbird Field II.

I have rather mixed feelings on it all. I don't like the idea of being stuck in the Arizona dessert and being seperated from most of my friends but Thunderbird is the best primary in the country as well as the hardest.

It is an army school in contrast to most primaries which are civilian run. I believe that I will fly bi-wing Stearmens. Approximately 100 of 64 are going to Thunderbird but only a couple from Nebraska or Miami. Others are going to King City, Tulare,



Santa Maria, 29 Palms, Ryan or
Santa Rosa.

This afternoon we are
to have our graduation
ceremonies on the main drill
field.

Yesterday we heard an
interesting talk by Colonel
Hans Adamsen who was lost
in the Pacific with Rickenbacker.

Don't send any mail until
I let you know my ~~new~~ new
address.

Oh yes, that new letter
heading certainly adds some-
thing to Ferris.

As ever,
Lee