



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE

Thursday morning
September 23, 1943

Dear Bernice,

Surprise of surprises - it's raining! It isn't much of a rain but it is the first I have seen since Nebraska and is a pretext for not drilling. Susy ♀, Thunderbird's jack ass mascot just came in out of the weather and the boys are feeding her hard candy.

Your Thunderbird emblem is enclosed and also a description of our trainers. I only have one copy so after you are through with it pass it over to Julia. By the way, did you give her one of the packages of film that I sent home?

I certainly was glad to get my call through Monday

night although I wish Shirley and Dad could have been there too. However maybe I can call again now that I see how fast calls go through on week day evenings.

I had a letter from Howell Wilkins yesterday with news from the college.

Yesterday was so windy that we flew "dual only". I hope that I can solo today though if it clears up. Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of our flying time is supposed to be dual. We are scheduled for a twenty and a sixty hour (more or less) check plus any number of surprise checks. Our dual instruction will include all except instrument flying in the flying book. After we follow through a few times we go up solo to practice by ourselves.

I've got to go to ground school now.

Love,
Lee