



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCE

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Dear Dad,

No, I haven't washed out yet although I am being run ragged. In fact rumor has it that we will spend this weekend in flying. The upper class leaves this week and so we will attempt to pull ahead of schedule by using all of the planes on the post. Members of 44-B are shipping to Pecos, Texas, Lancaster, California, and Versad, California, by the way.

I have passed all of my solo checks and so can now check out a plane for myself.

I must concentrate on mastering fundamentals for my twenty hour check now. Counting today's time I now have a total of fourteen hours flying time, one hour ^{solo} ~~class~~ time, six practice forced landings and sixty five regular landings.

Six commissioned officers from

the infantry started flying training with 44-C. Upon completion of their training they will act as air observers for their units in the field. While here each is assigned two flights for which he is to act as supervisor. Our Lieutenant Durante washed out today.

Phoenix provided little except a good steak dinner last Sunday. Bob Dowling and I walked around, bowled and saw movies "Valley of Fear" with Orson Welles and "Behind the Rising Sun". The Indian curio shops looked interesting for souvenirs but none of them were open. Did Mother get the package of cactus I sent her?

I received a letter from Bill Hyde. He washed at San Antonio because of a weak right eye muscle. As a gunner he was sent to Shepherd Field, Texas, and then to Tyndal Field, Florida. However he is trying to reenter the cadets since the eye requirements have since been relaxed.

Howell Finn writes that he



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expects to be sent to college for study as a member of an army star unit. He has shot up to 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and now weighs 155 pounds. He wrote that Wilmington was to have pro basketball again this winter. If so, what are the prospects?

I see that Treighty made quite a nice opening bid for all American against Pitt last Saturday. Reber is F and M's big gun this fall. Does Penn have a powerhouse or is Princeton awfully weak? Can you send up to date football clippings with your letters? Keep me posted on the World Series too. Do the Yanks have a chance?

Tell mother that there is no Dr. Mc Clean on this field.

As Shirley settled at college yet? If so, what is her address?

Say hello to everybody
for me.

Yours,

Lee