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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 Q, 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

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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 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