Wednesday evening
December 15, 1943

Dear Dad,

COLD CLEAR WEATHER HAS COME
to Pecos and the flying hours
are beginning to pile up. It is
interesting to note that weather
had grounded planes at Pecos
only one day in fifteen months
until 44-C came along; 44-C has
lost ten days of flying in six
weeks. However, solo, cross country,
night flying, good weather and
the fact that class 44-C is the
only class and using all the planes
at Pecos are reasons for the
excellent progress.

Tuesday I took my 250
mile three hour cross country
from Pecos to Salt Flat (land),
to Intermittent Lake to Van Horn,
(land), to Pecos. There isn't much
to tell for P just flew the course P had marked out in Navigation class on the El Paso sectional chart. Mountain peaks, highways, railroads and salt lakes provided check points along the route. P cruised at 8,000 feet at about 130 miles per hour. P passed two speeding Hellcats at Salt Flat and a big C-46 over Van Horn.

Night flying consists of one hour dual time, five hours of solo local time and two hours of solo cross country. For my money nothing can top the beauty of night flying with a full moon and a sky full of stars. It takes awhile to adjust to the different perspective on landing but it comes, with a few bumps. There are three periods at night—7:30 till 9:30, 9:30 till 11:30 and 11:30 till 1:30. P fly last tonight.

P passed my basic instrument check and so have finished instrument training for Basic. P am now ready
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to take up airmobatics and formation. Then after filling out my time in solo flying P will enter my Advanced training. P hope to see you all in March. P now have 45 hours of flying and will probably be finished or be so by time that P will have two or three days off to spend in El Paso at Christmas time before begin-ning Advanced.

Yesterday everyone on the base took four huge Sulpha-Diazine pills. (P swallowed them). The pills are supposed to ward off the flu which has stricken quite a few. P feel fine so don't worry.
P will be sending a package of letters, clippings,
etc., very soon. Tell Mother that I promise not to open the Christmas package till the 25th.

Leland Anscho wrote to say that he is taking Advanced Engineering at Princeton. Billy Gim is still studying at Connecticut. I haven't heard from Howell Fin in some time. Say hello to everyone for me.

Yours,

Lee