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Hello you Aviation Friends.

Me, too.

Here is that hot pilot again. The only thing is, after all of this hazing, I'm not so hot. You talk about K.P. being rough, you should see this hazing we get here. I told you about in the last letter. It is not bad, now, when you know what to expect, it is much easier to do it. I haven't had any trouble, yet. I hope I don't.

Please excuse all errors in this letter. I'm so fagged, I don't know left from right. Today we ran about 4 miles, drilled for an hour, went to a lecture, marched about 3 miles in a parade, went to three meals, and did a million other things.

Tomorrow morning, we are to parade for some big shot. I don't know who yet, but I'll let you know who it is.

Did I tell you, we stood review for Lord Halifax, last Thursday.

That plane that you asked about sounds like a B-26. I don't know. I could tell much better if I saw the plane. It might be a C-47, also.

The way you are chosen for Pilot, Bombardier, or Navigator is all by tests. At Nashville, they gave us all kinds of aptitude tests. Math, Maps, and many others. Then they give you psycho-motor tests. They are to test your coordination. But the big one is the personal interview. It is called the ARMA. That is for Attitude Regarding Military Aviation. In all, they say, there are 99 tests.

I don't think Mother is going to Tennessee. It will cost too much.

I'm nearly out of paper, hence the writing on both sides. When I write on one side only, it seems like a longer letter.



In about a week and a half, we will be upperclassmen. That means, more sleep, no more "rat line" and many other things. It also means more responsibility.

Nearly every place we go, we sing. It must be a colorful place around here, if you could just watch and not have to do it all.

One big help is there is ~~no~~ K.P. at all, and no guard duty until we are upperclassmen. There is no more K.P. for Cadets after we get to Pre-flight. All of the K.P. is by colored help.

I have to close now and get ready for some well earned sleep. I wish I could sleep until about Saturday, but no. up tomorrow at 5 A.M. for another day.

Scots of Sove,
Frank.

P.S.

Maxwell Field is just outside of Montgomery.