

From One of The
Flying Strakes

Savannah, Georgia

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Dear Doc.

Just to let you know that I have passed my tests for flying cadet. I took my physical a couple ~~de~~ of days ago and passed and had my mental exam yesterday. I went before the Cadet Board today and received my appointment for cadet school. I am very anxious to get started flying, but don't know just how soon I will get to go.

I want to thank you for your splendid cooperation with me in securing the letter of reference. The Commanding Officer said the letter was one of the best he had ever read and I was very proud of that letter. I'm sure it helped me a lot and I appreciate your efforts to help me very much.

I have played a little basketball this year. We have a pretty good team here on the camp. We haven't lost a game yet and we have played some pretty tough teams too. We play other squadrons and the players are from all over the U.S. I have seen a lot of different types of basketball as they all play a little different style. Some of the fellows have copied my shot, (the one you taught me) and have bettered themselves by it.

I suppose you have noticed that I have been moved from Keesler Field. I have only been here a couple of weeks, but I like it fine. This is a much better camp and they treat us more like white men here. They have a lot of planes here and at the present time I am assigned to a B-18 bomber. I like the work fine and I find it very interesting.