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Dear Dr. Allen,

You probably think I've been swallowed by the great American desert, but the trouble is only my bad habits of correspondence, combined with the army's bad habit of shipping a man from one post to another. I've been in Salt Lake City, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Antonio and at the moment I'm in the southern tip of Texas, perhaps stuck here for the duration. The climate is good, at least for the winter — there's even green grass down here, along with palm trees — but the prospects otherwise are pretty bad. All combat men assigned to be instructors here are sent through gunnery school to learn how to shoot guns in combat — the colonel's idea. Today the officer in charge of ballistics asked me to explain the RAF