

T.R. & letter home while in the Navy, to both (1)
parents unless otherwise indicated. 241-'42

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N.A.S.

first from Squantum - re duties as S.M.D. (Student
Mate of the Decl, movies and flying (spine)
N.A.C.

Driving to Atlanta with Phil Field; Morse Code

Anticipating Christmas parties; routine at Atlanta - strict discipline; view of countryside

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To Richards grand parents description of ground school
in parent.

Christmas parties in Atlanta; ascent of Stone Mt. - birds;

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change attach. To Richards grandparents again

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To Uncle John Richards - now re ground school & Stone Mt.

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First from N.A.S. Jacksonville, judged far superior to
Atlanta. First as Aviation Cadet but no duties yet.

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To Richards (grand mother)

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Re the "good life" without much grand school; Trip to Tacksonville and then St. Augustine and Mariceland; but

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Ground school; flying prospects that later turned out to be inaccurate.

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End of indoctrination. Amusing long sentence about slight injury from bowling ball; pleasant week-end at Ponta Velha, Inds.

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Re golf & ground school

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To Richard's grandmother - discussing The Sound of Wings

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Amusing account of a dance; watching snipe & gray fox;
ground school; "a lot of swell fellows".

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Golf; around school

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Flying schedule - at outlying Lee Field: golf

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Not actual flying since Squawam - description of the
area around from the air.

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Flying-shooting circles & small field procedure described

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✓ 12/13/41

Driving to Atlanta with Phil Field; Morse Code

✓ 12/21/41

Anticipating Christmas parties; routine at Atlanta - strict discipline; view of countryside

✓ 12/21/41

To Richards (grandparents) description of ground school

✓ 12/28/41

Christmas parties in Atlanta; ascend of Stone Mt. - birds;

✓ 12/28/41

change attack. To Richards grandparents again

✓ 12/29/41

To Uncle John Richards - more re ground school & Stone Mt.

✓ 1/10/42

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✓ 1/19/42

To Richards (grandmother)

✓ 1/20/42

Re the "good life" without much ground school; Trip to Jacksonville and then St. Augustine and Maryland; birds

✓ 1/28/42

Ground school; flying prospects that later turned out to be inaccurate.

✓ 2/8/42

End of indoctrination. Amusing long sentence about slight injury from bowling ball; pleasant week-end at Punta Vista; birds.

✓ 2/17/42

Re golf & ground school

✓ 2/17/42

To Richards (grandmother) - discussing The Sound of Wings (book)

✓ 2/23/42

Amusing account of a dance; watching snake & gray fox; ground school; "a lot of swell fellows".

✓ 3/3/42

Golf; ground school

✓ 3/9/42

Flying schedule - at outlying Lee Field; golf

✓ (F) 3/18/42

First actual flying since Squantum - description of the area around from the air.

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✓ (F) 3/25/42

Flying - shooting circles & small field procedure described by diagrams; Watson wedding, etc.

✓ (F) 4/1/42

Description of Phil Field, my room-mate; flying and ground school difficulties.

✓ (F) 4/14/42

Discouraged about both flying and ground school.

✓ 4/18/42

To Pa. suggesting he and Ma come down to Tex.

✓ (R)

F. H. ...

- ✓ 12/20/42 ^(F) MIAMI: live bombing described
- ✓ 5/8-9/42 ^(F) Finally squatted by flying "yellow perils" and started formation flying in Ryan.
- ✓ 5/19/42 Continued failures in navigation course. Last Ryan flying re reading books; more leisure, etc.
- ✓ 6/1/42 ^(F) Flying SNJ's & OS2V's. More re Fla. from the air
- 6/2/42 To brother (Jack). Then 10.
- ✓ 6/11/42 Link Trainer
- ✓ 6/19/42 Weather; other Naval grads, etc.
- ✓ 5/27/42 ^(B) Instrument flying, with diagram. Bicycle trip - name bird
- ✓ 7/7/42 ^(F) In small seaplane. Dinner invitations
- ✓ 7/16/42 ^(F) Solo in OS2V Kingfisher seaplane - 2 news photos enclosed
- ✓ 7/23-24/42 ^(F) Navigation flights out to sea
- ✓ 8/2/42 ^(F) Night flying "exciting"
- ✓ 8/10/42 ^(F) Gunnery, catapulting; supervised required exercise; dance; beach; books read.
- ✓ 8/18/42 ^(F) Flying
- ✓ 8/24-25/42 ^(F) Commissioned an ensign, designated a naval aviator;
- ✓ 9/2/42 ^(B) dance; bird trip
- ✓ 9/4/42 Much about uniforms
- ✓ 9/11/42 Operational training - separate training in navigation & gunnery; Good bird trip with 3 others by taxi
- ✓ 9/22/42 ^(B) Canoe trip on the St. Johns River; trip by car to Sea Is. Fla.
- ✓ 9/30/42 ^(B) Bird migrant (warblers)
- ✓ 10/9/42 Astronomy; Officers' Club
- ✓ 10/23/42 ^(F) Night flying
- ✓ 10/24/42 ^(B) To "Gardiner Folks" Fla. weather & bird
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- (N) type plane; describes trip down via Sarasota & Bunnell
- (N) museum; Everglades
- ✓ 11/28-29/42 (Co. Quinn) Describes 2 weeks leave as well as duty, Miami, etc - a more interesting letter than most.
- (F) ✓ 12/6/42 Places home - SBC, etc. Boca Raton visit
- (F) ✓ 12/13/42 Flights over the countryside; many birds listed.