



LODWICK AVIATION MILITARY ACADEMY
AVON PARK, FLORIDA

Tuesday P.M.

Dear Sam + Cecil;

I say I didn't write sooner, but I have been very busy. Besides, there is really nothing I can say. I don't want to talk about this place that I am at now. If I told you anything good about it. It would all be lies, and I shouldn't use language strong enough to describe it in a letter. Believe me Sam, there is nothing as low as a washed out cadet. It isn't bad enough that one washed out, but then they send us down to this hole where they kick you ^{when} you try to get up. There are about 4,000 washed out cadets here. I really feel sorry for them. I haven't got it too bad, I saw a drill instructor and I drill rookies 8 hrs. a day. Most of the others learn all the drill details. They are not letting any of us put in for O.C.S. at this post, because they claim, this is not our permanent post. When we leave and go somewhere else it will be the same way. They are short axial gunners and they figure that since we are all perfect physical specimens we should be gunners. So, I guess we will be gunners.

There is only one out for me as far as I can see but I need your help. I am going to resign for the cadets. I was just down to see the board, and they told me that I would have to get three letters of recommendation and a copy of my birth certificate. Then I would have to take my examinations over again. I will also have to get 1/3 higher in my class. Then they would have to send my records down to Washington and if they approve I will be re-appointed a cadet and will be able to put in for bombardier or navigator.

I want you to get me three good letters of recommendation. The letters may affect my appointment in Washington. I also want



again to get a photostatic copy of my birth certificate. I want
again to get them as soon as possible. I may get classified and sent
out if I don't get them soon, so send them Special Delivery, please.

How is everything at home? How are the kids. Yes, but I would
like to get home for as much as so. I could go a good chunk now.

I was going to write to pop tonight, but it is pretty late
and there is really nothing I could write to him the way that I
feel now. I received my first letter from him today. I will try
to write tomorrow.

Regards to all

Love
+ I am.

P.S. Please get that ~~all~~ out as soon as possible.

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P.P.S. Have you heard from Ed?