

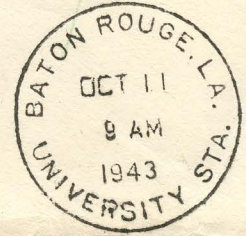
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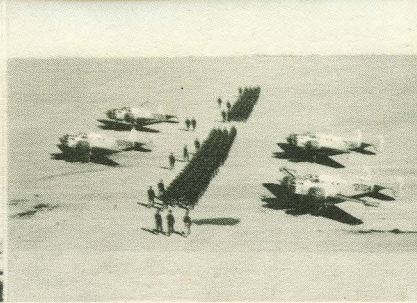
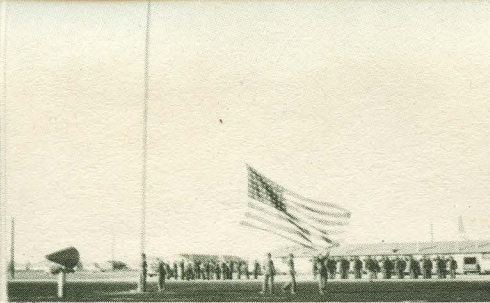
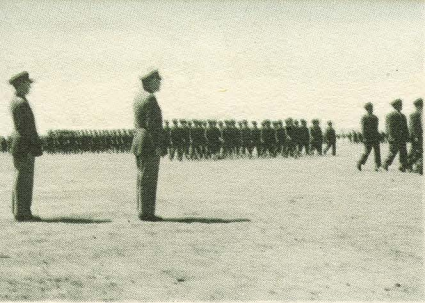
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## Deming Army Air Field Deming, New Mexico

Dear Irving:

I'm here in Deming now and I'll be here for eighteen weeks before I graduate. They are giving us a Combined bombardier navigator course now and we are on a sixteen hour a day schedule and it pretty tough, though.

I got my gunner's wings at Kingman and then we got a seven day leave. I went to L.A. And had a hell of a good time. How are you getting along with your course? and when are you going into the air corps as a cadet? When you do go you'll probably go into C.T.D. first, after that you will be classified. And since you want to be a pilot, my advice to you is, that when you are interviewed, express a supreme desire to fly. Let them know that you'd rather fly than eat.

Perhaps the most impressive sights at the Deming Army Air Field are the Retreat Ceremony at which the Flag is lowered and the various formations of the Cadets and enlisted men, singing the traditional Aviation Cadet songs as they go to the flight line.

This will help a lot. Of course you have to pass your aptitude and classification tests also.

Well, I wish you luck old man. It will be a tough course and you'll feel like throwing it in the ash can, but stick it through and you'll be wearing a pair of silver wings soon.

I'd like to get up to Sautate sometime but that's impossible right now. We have navigation missions to Albuquerque + Sautate, but we don't land. We just turn around and come back.

So far here, we've been studying the bombsight and Navigation, and it's all very interesting, except that we don't have time to do our home work. I hope you write sooner than I did.

Sidney