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Dear Fellows,

I recieved my paid up dues card and want to thank you all for it. It is a mighty fine thing for the lodge to do and I know all the other fellows in service feel the same way about it.

I am now in a Basic Flying School and it will be about the hardest phase of flight training I will have to go through. The washout rate is terrific and at this time we have lost ten more of our class. We lost forty eight from wash out and two killed at our last station.

I have been in the hospital for the last week due to an infection in my hand. I had a wood



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screw driven through my hand on the train enroute here. He didn't have anything on the train to take of it and after twelve hours it became pretty bad. It is coming along fine now and I should be out of here soon.

We are at a little town and the people treat us as if we were lepers. I guess we can stand it for the next few months and move on to our next phase of training. It is odd to meet people like these. One would almost believe they didn't know that there was a war being fought for them too.

I will have to close for this time and let the doctor examine my hand.

as ever,

Bob Parkinson