

and the rest were shipped to Pecos,
Texas. I was plenty lucky on being
picked, because Pecos is a small ~~town~~
and it would have been difficult to
find a place for her to stay. A job
would have been next to impossible
and on my salary we needed that.
Besides Gloria worries quite a bit about
her debts and this should stop her
worrying now.

Maraua is a new, uncompleted
field some 30 miles north of Tucson
and 20 miles away from the primary
school I started my training at.

We live in flimsy barracks, two in a
room and about 10 rooms in all to each barracks.
We got our first electric lights yesterday.
The hangars are not built yet. The
runways are not done, but still our

training goes on through dust and the noise of building and running machines (quite dramatic, eh?) It isn't as bad as Ryan Field was at first, so I'm not complaining. The rest of the class I am in now, came from a veritable paradise - Thunderbird Field at Phoenix, Arizona, so they are not quite so pleased. These Basic training planes are a lot larger than those at primary; something like flying a hot car. They weigh about 2 tons. I should solo this week - wish me luck.

Yes, I got those cards you sent. Hope Gloria is writing more often; she must be busy, but never worry about her. I never saw her looking better, brown as a ~~straw~~ berry and prettier than ever - lucky me!

The food is a lot better here

than it was at Ryan Field and I believe I am gaining weight again. Left Santa Ana at 178: weighed 170 after a month at Ryan, but last Saturday I weighed 183 - "pretty good," I'll say. I should gain some more here.

Sounds like Kenny is doing all right in football. He's pretty proud of our big brothers aren't we Norma Jean. I know I used to thrill when I saw mine play the game.

I am wearing the glasses you asked about. I wear them to relieve eye strain when I study or read a lot, and they are quite a help.

Must close and write my other sis now. Tell everybody "Hello".

Love, Jerry