

Central Flying School

Upavon, Pewsey,

Wiltshire

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My dear Dad,

Many thanks for the money, which I got yesterday. I did my cross country flight this morning. It was very wonderful. I was told to go to Beaulieu aerodrome, land, get my tanks filled and return. I left this place & made due South by compass. In ten minutes I was at 3000 feet & saw through a bank of clouds a needle sticking up into the sky, which was Salisbury Cathedral steeple, my first landmark. It looked very funny as it was about 5 miles west of me & I could see neither the town nor any other part of the Cathedral owing to clouds. I then turned South – East & in another 5 minutes I saw in front of me a pale misty triangular patch which by map I knew to be Southampton water. I was then about 6000 ft. passing over the new forest. When I got to the top of Southampton Water I was about 8000 feet it was the most wonderful sight.

I saw right down the water & saw the Solent backed by the Isle of Wight in the misty distance. I then turned along the Bournemouth railway & followed it West & then South until I saw a certain shaped pond the other side of which I knew was the 'drome. I landed, this takes a long time from 8000 feet, got filled up & returned. There were a lot of ships in Southampton Water but as they looked only specks I don't know what they were. I went 45 miles & it took me 35 minutes going & 40 coming back.

I find that this height causes my head to ache a little on landing.

I hope your day in bed has done you good & that it is not as cold at home as it is here. We had a fall of snow a few days ago & the countryside is all white, except the New forest.

I must stop now as it waxeth late.

Best Love

Kevin

PS

I have taken nearly another roll of films – some in the air. I don't know if they will be any good.

Would you get me a couple of plain soft white shirts with 16 inch necks & ½ a dozen stiff white collars 16 ½ x 2 for mess kit as I have not enough. Also ½ doz. white handkerchiefs. I have got the towel from the wash and will send it along. Do you want your old pair of green motor goggles, because if not they would make excellent air goggles as they have side glasses which the issued ones I now wear have not got & so it is only possible to see straight in front.

P.T.O

[Kevin's father writes]

I hear he has not written you

Please return it

Much love my baby girl

Dad