



In Camp
Aug 19 1917

Chief B. F. Howell

Dear Friend,

I want to apologise for not writing before this but better late than never, and at any rate my intentions were good. But before I go any farther I want to ask a favor of you. Will you write out a recommendation for me, stating the time I worked for you and the fact that I never gave you very much

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Trumble? you see I am going to put in for the Officers Reserve Flying Corps, and I would value a few words from you very much.

Things are booming around here and San Antonio is experiencing the greatest ~~era~~ period of prosperity in the history of the town. In regard to military matters I can't say very much.

The people are very nice and treat us fine, giving parties and entertainments nearly every night. They all say the Aviation Corps is the highest branch of service and that the boys from Oregon are the



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Best boys in the whole field.
I am mighty glad I enlisted
when I did because I have a
few months start on the fellows
that are coming in now.

There were about 500 boys
from Vancouver came here the
other day and while I went
down to see them, I couldn't
find them so if you know of
any that came down lately
I will try again to find them.
It is very warm here but
the nights are cool and so
nobody minds the heat a
great deal.

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Well Chief I must close this
hurriedly written and rather
disconnected letter in order
to post it for the next mail
So I must close, so thanking
you in advance and hoping
to get a good long letter in
reply I remain

your friend
~~John~~

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