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DONALD WAYNE KING *MAY 5, 1942*
WRITES FROM RANKIN FIELD

The following letter was received by Mr. and Mrs. Ona King of near Rose Hill from their son, Donald Wayne King, who is a flying cadet at Rankin field.

"We have been flying every day. When you are not flying, it is ground school or something else. The last week we have been flying in the evening and going to the ground school in the mornings. This week it will be vice versa. In the evening, just before mess, we have an hour's drill.

"Yesterday the new dodos came in from the replacement center at Santa Ana. Now my class (42I) is the upper class. If everything goes o. k. I'll be here for another five weeks. Today I flew an hour and fifteen minutes; thirty minutes dual with my instructor and forty-five minutes solo. I soloed two weeks ago today. I was the fourth or fifth man in my flight of around sixty or seventy men to solo.

"Monday I'll go up for the routine twenty hour check. Today two of my best pals washed out. Another gets a recheck tomorrow. There were eight of us fellows in this room to start with. One washed out because of his ears, now two more have gone because of their flying ability."

Try a Press Want Ad. They sell. Neil Gorrell, George Phillips and Harlan Seesengood of Newton and vicinity have enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps, and have been assigned to Jefferson Barracks near St. Louis.