

Canoe Trip, +  
drive to  
Sea Is., Ga.  
Not very  
interesting.



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Dear Folks,

I don't know just what happened to me last week except that I became somewhat involved with two books. "The Captain From Connecticut" and "And Now Goodbye" - Foote and Hilton respectively.

Down at the squadron a bottleneck is developing. I fear, at least in night flying. Not having had any yet in operational training one never knows when one will get it, but it looks as if the first night for our group

may be next Saturday -  
rather inconvenient. I f a  
really bad bottle neck develop  
in night <sup>flying</sup>, which is possible  
since our squadron still  
has cadets and is assigned  
usually three night a  
week, some of which may  
be rained out; then there  
is a possibility of having  
to wait after all over day  
flying is finished. Still  
I hope to be home in a  
month. The leave is  
apparently certain, but I  
darent count the days  
between now and then  
yet. One day last week  
all I got was one catapult  
shot, and on two others



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each an incomplete make-up  
navigation hop (because of  
radio trouble). The pilot,  
incidentally, does all the  
navigating. The rear seat  
man with the fleet is  
radioman and rear gunner,  
but with our men the  
case is such that we  
know more about radio  
than they do. What it  
amounts to is that they  
are being broken in just  
as we are - only still  
more so.

A week ago Sunday  
another fellow and I tried

a canoe and paddled several miles up one of the larger creeks that join the river and back again. Practically the whole distance the banks were ill-defined and swampy. Swamp hard-woods including red maple prevailing everywhere. Birds were disappointingly few.

This last week-end a second fellow, "Stix" again, drove up to Sea Id. - about 20 mi. He had saved up on gas when restricted from liberty as a cadet for disciplinary reasons. It was very pleasant though the people he knew were away; so we had to stay at the hotel (none too cheap). We



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met some nice people through  
a cadet friend of Stix who  
happened to be up there,  
and they gave us a nice  
"brunch".

The island is mostly  
typical hardwood "hammock"  
country, covered by a variety  
of hardwoods such as live  
oak, hickories, magnolia  
and also some pines. Until  
about 15 years ago it was  
practically uninhabited, but  
under quick and very careful  
development it has turned  
into a flourishing and fairly  
exclusive resort. Anyone  
can stay at the hotel I

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guess if they have the  
dough and there is room.  
but the real estate is  
all handled by one outfit.  
Though not very different  
from Pointe Vedra its more  
of a year round resort,  
but its most expensive  
season is of course in the  
winter. The beaches aren't  
quite as nice as our Florida  
ones, but it is a nice spot.  
It is just a few miles north,  
incidentally, of the really  
exclusive Jekyll Id. Know  
anybody there or at Sea Id?

Hot weather continues  
here. It reached 96° F. on  
Saturday (officially) - The  
opening day of the local  
football season (N.A.S. beat  
Univ. of Fla.). Love T.R.