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Dear Fellow Associates-

During the past few months it has been our pleasure to have representatives of many leading aircraft, engine and aviation accessory manufacturers visit our operation. All of them have been here to see for themselves if Piedmont is really the high type of organization they need as distributor, and believe me, these fellows want nothing but the best.

I am very happy to report to you that every single one of these manufacturers have had nothing but the best to say for Piedmont. Several of them have already appointed your company as distributor, the most recent of which are Radio Corporation of America and Republic Aviation Corporation, builders of the famous P47 and now the all-metal SoaBoc amphibian for private owners.

Perhaps you do not realize that you played a very substantial part in making all this possible. As a matter of fact, about 99% of our success in this regard is as a direct result of your efforts. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your cooperation. The neat manner in which you have left the shops and the beautiful work you have done on the ships has made a very firm impression on our visitors.

We don't want to let all of this go to our head. We've just started. This is probably the roughest period fixed base operators will ever go through--and it's plenty tough. You know it yourself. We are sweating it out though, and with your continual cooperation, we are going to keep our head above water, when all around us other operations may go under. We are

all in this boat together, and every one of you are definitely in our future plan. New ships will be coming in faster and faster from now on out, and we've got a lot to look forward to, so let's all buckle down, put our shoulders to the wheel and dig. Let's build up that list of students; let's get out those jobs in the shop as fast as possible, and get others in. We've got a wonderful opportunity--let's make the best of it.

Respectfully yours,
T.H.Davis

SHOP NEWS

Mr. Jack Reynolds has taken the Crop Sprayer to Candor, N. C. for the purpose of running tests for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and according to Mr. Reynolds, he will know by the first of the week whether or not it is a success. He is very proud of the sprayer. The Shop feels as though one of the children had left home. If the sprayer is a success, look out boys, we will have plenty of work.

PERSONALS

Sgt. George Morris is visiting us this week. He arrived in the States on October 28th for a 47-day leave. At the end of this time he hopes to get his discharge from the Army. He is covered with ribbons, is wearing two bronze stars and the Presidential Citation. We are proud of you, George.

J. H. Brendlo is killing all the squirrels in Yadkin County this week. He promised to bring each of us a good one.