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Dear Mr Bear

I seldom expect to see a letter that might mean anything to me so I had to reply to yours about training in Maroc.

In November of 1942 I was a pilot with the 17th Observation Squadron, 71st Observation Group, stationed at Salinas, California. We had quite a variety of airplanes in an Observation squadron at that time.

Between November 20 and November 23 1942, a number of pilots from our group flew P40F's over to Maroc to qualify in gunnery against ground targets. The armament was 6 50's in the wings. I was one of these pilots.

I remember watching the Northrop "Flying Wing" being tested at that time.

Hope this adds to your history.

Sincerely

Jay R Coffey