

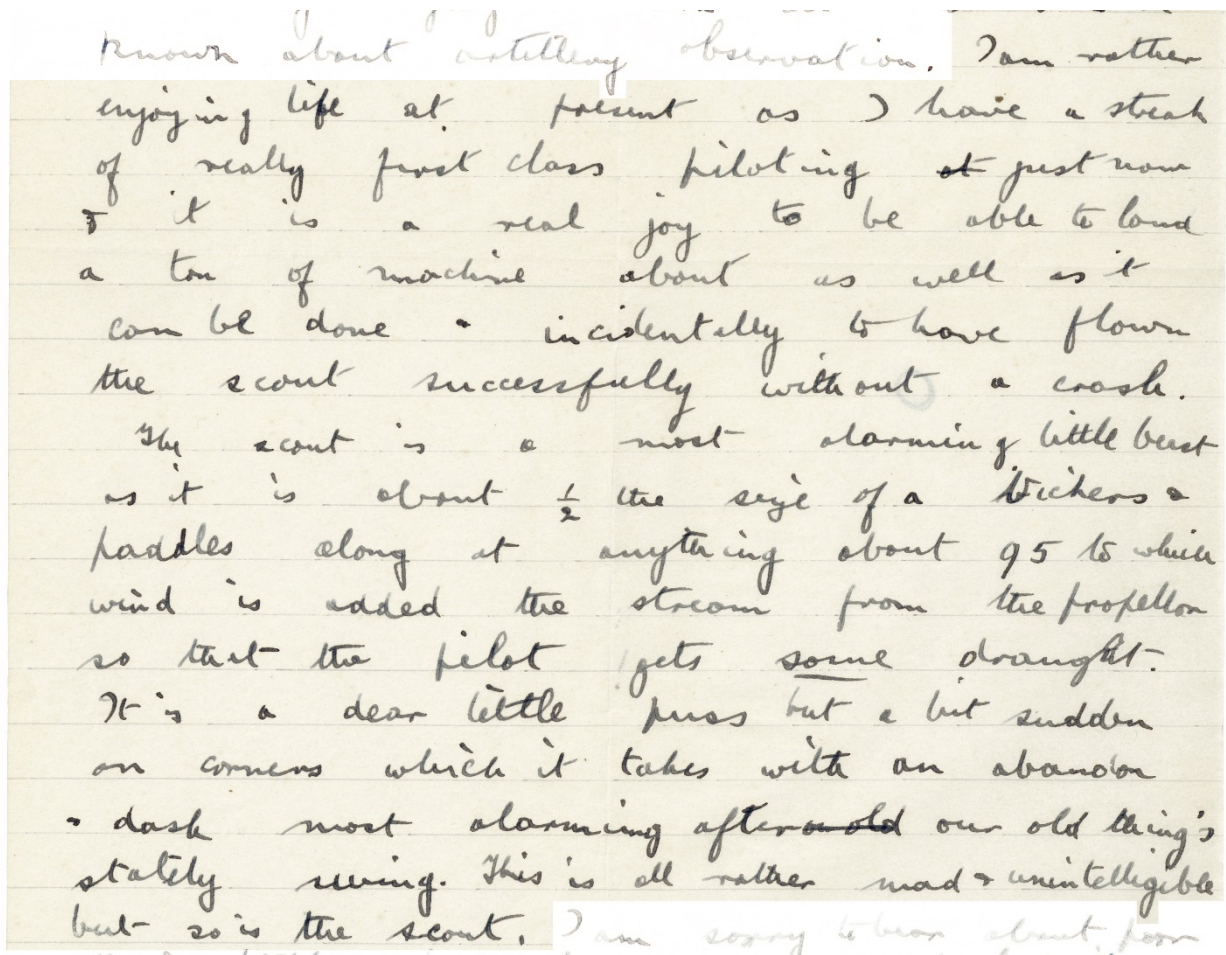
## Source 10 (LAP 1/2/15)

Extract from a letter from Sir Lawrence to his mother Mary Pattinson in which he discusses enjoying piloting, and flying the 'scout'.

28 Jan 1916

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## Key Words

The Scout - A fast (for its time), light, unarmed aircraft used during the First World War for reconnaissance (gathering information)