

Fri. After.

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Dear Family:

I'm back in green ink again! And I see that you have gone to green. Nice. Is?

I think I wrote to you yesterday but I'm not sure. Boy, I'm telling you. They really keep you hopping & when you do have time. You're too damn tired to write or do anything. I rec'd your letter ^{Monday} & 3 short letters yesterday. No mail yet today but I'm hoping for some by 5:00.

We have an hour & a half this morning. Had pretty good luck with my job & my instructor told me I was okay. I'm getting a lot more confidence now with the job.

Dad. I talked to Captain, the instructor on our group, & asked him a lot about what you should know about to pass the exam. You take a Cadet Exam - it's the same for Pilots, Navigators, & Bomb. But after you get into school, you need not know anything about Motors & engines. Your Mother will be the

the most important thing. You see, a Bombadier has to take wind in miles per hour, air speed, altitude, etc. all into consideration in setting up his bomb sight. He says that the course is not too tough. You will have 5 months in College - as an Aviation Student - & will get a lot of your math & other things you need while there. Of course, you will have to be on the ball in your hi-school math so you can pass the exam & will be able to get the math in college. He says that you have English, history, Current events, math, co-ordination, & things of that sort, on your exam. I think you will do very well. The only thing I know about your comrades, except you, is that you are engineers. It is because they want to know how well you've learned & they want men who have a fair knowledge of most of those things for officers. You see, - & you'll hear this a lot of times in Cadets - you're not only a Bombadier, but you are also - an officer!



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I wouldn't say that Navigator or Pilot were too tough for you, because you could pass on it you settled down & put your mind to it. However, I suggest Bombardier in preference to the others because they wash a lot of pilots out unnecessarily. I'd hate to see you be unlucky enough to be "washed".

As for Navigator — you've got to have a hell of a lot of math & stuff know it. You can make whatever you try, buddy, I wish you all sorts of luck & I'm with you all the way! I want you to be an Officer, Dale, because I can see it's an advantage over being an enlisted man. You'll make a hell of a pilot.

I'm proud & glad to hear you're going. I sent the picture that Mom sent you, & Ruthie with instructions that she send it on to you & that you were having one made for her. Okay? Thanks a lot for sending it to me. I sure was a mighty happy guy those few days. I'll never forget a single one of 'em!

Yes, this is my day off & altho' I have enough money to go to town, for pretty time & there is a bill of a wind & lot of sand blowing out today so I'd just as soon stay here & catch up on my letter writing. I may go in tomorrow morning to get my watch. I don't have to wait until 11:30 tomorrow a.m. 4:30 this morning! Oh, I hated to get up!! Remember!! Maffa.

The raids on track give the idea, & proof, that slowly but surely, we are closing in on that island of vermin - Japan. It seems as tho' we've been down on it for a long time but we haven't a long way to go & a lot of islands to take before we get there. As to the particulars on the raids, all I know is that the old Air Force has raised plenty of dust! I heard this morning that they took some small island out there in only 6 hours! Now that sound & saw?



If you think those pens
with okay, Dad, I'd like
very much I have one. All
I can find out here are 59¢ pens
with tin - cheap tin - prints.

Say, Dad, Mom has an idea
about you asking a job. You
can learn a lot by working + it'll
give you some money of your own.
Give you something to do, too. I'm
again it's pretty dead around there.

How come no date for the Hi-Y
Formal? How would you like to go
with Ruthie - my girl? She said
something about him: if there was
one of them days. Who and when he is
asked her? She couldn't say any more than
he to say to get away. You don't
have a damn thing to lose! By all
means, don't ruin the Jr. Se. It
is some thing you'll always remember!

Well, old Paulie says I
have turned over a new leaf + Miss
Robson is still just as suspicious
of every one as ever. What a school!

It's a good school + some things
lack some small movement

Yes, Dad, I like 24's a
lot. It's true that a lot of people
think they're not what the 17 is
but they sure wouldn't be using it
if they could. And that 2000
mile ~~recommen~~ distance of flight
that those Meivins took in 24's
proved a lot more, as you say,
they sure wanted those guys to get
back! It's just like cars: some
like Buicks, Fords, Chevies, Olds,
etc. + all like different ones -
I like 24's! I have a

I am always to try to notice
much of the view when flying but
from what I have seen, it looks
down as hell + then Rocky Mts.
stretch a long, long way! We always
fly away from the mountains + move
over 'em - for safety sake!



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Did you ever get that on
the phone? I sure hope so
as she loves to hear from
+ talk to you. This one crazy about
you guys. kinda likes me, too. Haha!

I guess that's all I can think
of to write now so till next
time I have time —

Love
Shane