

Thurs. Eve.

7:45

11-18-43

Dear Folks:

I'm sorry I haven't
written but I went to the show
last night & didn't have time
to write. It was "Punches
& Rourke" & I didn't want
to miss it. I was really sorry
you want to be sure to see
it.

I've got to write! We
flew 3 times today - 600
round of Cuba 30 & 6 hrs.
Flown in 2 norties, AT-18's.
I hate to say this but I'm
just a little bit afraid I'm

going to come home a Pk.
 Why? Because I don't think
 I'm hitting the target enough.
 Now see, they wash out the
 best 40% of the class on
 their scores on air firing &
 I'm afraid I'm going to be in
 the lowest group. I

hate to say it because I
 don't like it sound like a
 quitter. I'm not quitting!
 I'll tell my my but but
 I guess I just don't have
 the eye. The damn things
 look like they're hiding!!

We sure had some
excitement around here to-
day. One ship's motor
looked out & it had to make
a forced landing & another
ship which wouldn't go down
so the pilot made a belly
landing on the runway. He
gave the fellows their choice
of sailing out or riding it
in & they all chose the latter.
All the fellows in both ships
were in the launch & all
were pretty scared. Most of
'em were pretty well shaken
up but not badly hurt.

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Yesterday we had mal-
function phase checks - etc.
There were 19 guns & all
had different things wrong
with 'em & by firing 'em or
trying to fire 'em, we had to
determine what was wrong with
'em. I did pretty good on
it but what really bothered
me was this: Samuel Daniels
was on the field & stood
& watched & hit me
on one gun & made me
nervous as hell. Tuesday
I was practicing detail stripping
& assembling a carb 50

& a major stood & watched
& commented on my work
all the time I was working
on the gun. He's too much
for me now as the devil! I
don't think I inspire him or
anything like that but I'm
just afraid that I'll make
somebody's gun shake &
shake. I don't know but I
don't!

I said you well with
x 5 Tuesday night but
haven't got any mail
from you since - only
two days & I'll probably

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get in tomorrow.

I also went round the
Telegraph office to get
the money order from you.
Thanks a million! I'll go
to town tomorrow & get it
cashed. Thanks again!!!

Tomorrow we have
third fold \$44.50 +
Times & have ~~the~~ checks.
Rec'd letter from Ted
Thompson today. He will
be home on 15 day from

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long at the same time
will. I believe from
his letter that his leaving
today.

I'll find out ~~tomorrow~~
tomorrow what he's going
to do & what he's going
to do & let you know as
soon as I find out. I
do think I'll get enough
time to be home 14 or 15
days - I hope! If I
don't make this, tho.
I won't feel much like

It-
coming home & having
people know I did it
have what it took! Please
with me back!!!

for
Glad.