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Dear George,

Unquestionably by now, some of my letters have reached you. I've been receiving mail from you quite often these past few days, and I guess that's exactly the way you'll receive my letters.

I'm a little rushed for time, as usual, and so I'm answering your last letter directly - as you put the questions to me. Fran is with me now, we're at the reception house, but in 30 minutes I am scheduled to parade. This is our usual Sunday afternoon schedule, and it sure hurts. Fran and I are, I was going to say together, but an order just came through

ordering all cadets back to their barracks. So here I am back in my barracks. Fran and I had a swell, but short weekend. We've found some good eating places in town, and we're doing it up right.

If DiMaggio is on this post, I know nothing about it. I'll see what I can find out though.

George, I do no flying at all. This pre-flight can be compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> two years of college training. Lawyers, doctors, physical instructors, all go through the same preparatory years of college training. Well, bombardiers, navigators and pilots all get the same pre-flight; more or less.



Here's my schedule at the present; which I think will change this Wednesday. 7:30-8:30 Radio Code, 8:30-9:30 Chemical Warfare, and military subjects, 9:30-10:30-Naval or Aircraft Recognition - 10:30-11:30-Gunnery, 11:30-12:30 Math - 2:00-3:00-Physical Training, 3:45-4:45 Drill. There isn't an airplane on the base. I'll probably go to Gunnery (aerial) school when I leave here. I'll get about 12 flying hours there. This lasts six weeks or so. From there to advanced, which is true bombardier and navigation training. This should last about 18 weeks. —

Your setup doesn't sound

too bad, and being in the office is a break. You may as well take a rating if you can. If nothing else, it means a few extra bucks. If I could get a setup like yours, in a non-combat outfit, and retain my rating, I'd chuck this right now. As a first three grader, in a G.I. army, you really can have some good breaks. Florence and you might even be able to get together.

Fran says not to worry about Florence, for all your friends, and Mom and Pop are really coming through; especially Danny. Don't worry too much about things at home, they take care of themselves. - with that handshake in mind -  
BOB



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