

August 8th. 1944

Dear George,

I am now in a class room, and we're supposed to be having practice on the Intercommunication system. But as I had plenty of this in Gurnsey school, I'll just try to utilize this hour by writing a few letters.

I received your letter, the date of which I don't have with me, but it's the letter in which you also enclosed the two snapshots. They sure were two good snaps, and they do you all justice. Jim looks like he's gotten heavier, and it's also obvious that he has grown. Where in the world did he get that blonde hair. He'll sure be a handsome man if that hair color doesn't change. Florence looks exceedingly

well also. It looks as though she has gained a few pounds. As for yourself, you have looked a lot worse. It looks as though you have dropped a few pounds, and it's quite becoming.

I don't quite comprehend why your basic training should be intensified. Isn't this training more advanced than basic training? Surely by now you should be in your 2nd. or 3rd. phase of training; in any event, I hope you are managing to get out of as much of that training as possible. I know you must be tiring.

The grades for the exam we took last Saturday haven't been posted as yet. I guess my instructor had a rough weekend. I'm really sweating out the results, but in

all probability I passed.

I start flying and dropping practice bombs next Monday. Frankly, I, nor any of us, feel quite up to it now, but I guess everyone feels that way at the start. We drop about 25 practice bombs, and about 100 bombs for record. We also do quite a bit of night flying. During this phase, if one gets 4 hours of sleep a night, he's doing good. The course is really rough, and were it not for the consequences, I would be more than tempted to blow my lid. It seems silly to go through all this, just to get into combat. But I'm sticking with it, and I hope I make it.

I'm rather anxious to get your next letter, for I expect that one to be an answer to the

lengthy one I wrote you last week. I sure hope I haven't put my foot into anything. But I'm sure I'm muzzing for naught.

I finally got the results of that test I was sweating out. I did better than I expected, but actually 81 was low for the amount of study I did. It was all about gears, mechanics and drawing them. This is definitely not along my aptitude. Got another exam this Friday, and must hasten to study.

By the way, I started this letter yesterday, but had to put it aside until today.

All goes pretty well, and if I can get out over the weekend, and get a little high, I'll be relaxed a bit. Still can't get over how cute Jim looks. What a head of hair! —

Bob

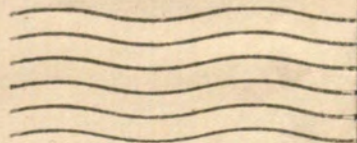
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