

Feb. 6th. 1944

Dear George,

Am in receipt of the letter and enclosures you wrote and mailed on the first. Thanks for the picture, which is the first one of the folks in almost a year. They seem to look pretty good. The kid really looks great; you sure have a bundle there. The snow looked good too.

Your other enclosure was most enlightening. I hope you keep me supplied with info like this all the time. I leasued a lot about all the examinations I had to take to get into Cadets. I covered the pamphlet thoroughly, and digested it likewise. It looks as though I'm not kidding my

self on my chances of being eliminated because of my eye disorder.

Frankly George, I don't know what to do. My eyes are pretty bad right now, naturally they'll be increasingly worse with the warm weather. However, I could possibly pull the string now.

I'm afraid to wait too long. I feel that my chances of washing out get slimmer with the more training I get. Bombardiers are still not being washed out as much as would please me, and waiting until the end of advanced training sounds like a bad policy to me. I think it would be easier to work this deal here.

But, washing out so fast—

means getting into something else that much sooner. All in all though, I think I better find out how I stand. I don't want to screw myself by being too wise.

When I decide to work this deal, I'll really spiel; I don't want it to fall short. But I think I'll just make sick call this week sometime, and I'll pull no strings; I'll let nature take its course. Perhaps the doc will eliminate me now. At any rate, perhaps I'll ascertain how effective this means will be towards being grounded.

I'd really like to know how you feel about this. It's impossible to call this shot. It might be wiser to wait until I

get into advanced training, that is, as far as time goes; but I think I can work a better deal from here. In any event, I'm rather uneasy; I want to know how good a case I've got. I'm definitely all out for being disqualified, and I'd hate to be outmasted. I'm doing too well in all my studies to ever hope for a legal elimination.

Fran and I are both well. Hate to have to leave here with Fran so well set up. If I go according to schedule, I'll probably be out of here in about three or four weeks. Perhaps though, if sick call proves anything, I'll move out in three or four weeks but not to gunnery school.

Well, it's a lot of fun ain't it? — keep slugging, and don't give in! —
As Ever — Bob

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