



SELMAN FIELD  
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Friday 8/27

Dear Mom,

Received a letter from you today & was glad to hear from you. Was meaning to write you all week, but did not find the time. We had classes 3 nights this week, one night as late as 2 A.M.

It has gotten very warm here again, & I sweat plenty during the day. The nights are cool, though. We haven't had any rain here for over a month. In fact, we had rain less than half a dozen times in the 5 months that we've been here. This state is supposed to have the largest rainfall in the country, but this is the driest year they've ever had.

We are through  $\frac{2}{3}$  of our course here, & things are slowed up considerably. We are practically through with our ground school work, & have only 7 more missions to fly. It's getting close to the end, & we're all

anxious to get through.

We've started getting prepared for graduation. A couple of days ago, we signed our applications for commissions, & next week we have to be measured & order our uniforms. From now on we will be busy with these preparations, although we are not in yet & anyone is liable to be washed out.

Peash will be back tomorrow, & I'll sure be glad to see her again. It's been very lonesome, especially on my open posts. However, I was lucky to have a nice home to go to, & people like the Hills'. I slept there on Saturday nights, & ate practically all my meals with them.

How is your back now? I guess it will bother you, & then leave as quickly as it came. Is it still warm in New York?

I hope to get home in October. Everyone here needs a rest after this grind, & to eat some good food. I haven't eaten meat in the mess hall in weeks. It's a good thing I get to town a few times a week & eat some steaks.

Give my regards to everyone & let me hear from you all.

Love,  
Marty