



SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Friday 7/2

Dear Mom,

I haven't received any letters from you all week, but I'm writing anyway. We've just finished supper, & we have about an hour or so before we go to class. We have 2 classes tonight, from 7:30 until 9:45. Tomorrow, we have our first 3 weeks exam, which lasts for seven hours, and one of the classes tonight is a review class for that exam.

We were just told today that we fly our first mission Monday morning. From then on we fly about 2 missions a week, so that by the time we graduate, we have about 100 hours in the air. Most of the missions are about 4 hours, but later on, there are some longer ones.

The weather has been much cooler here during this week. A couple of days were just like spring days in

New York. It was clear with a temperature about 75 or 80. That's very unusual for this time of year, but it felt good not to have humidity & perspiration for a change.

Pearl is coming back from Hot Springs tonight. She wrote me & told me all about the place. From the stationery, I could see that the hotel is a very large place, & she said that she never saw such a beautiful place, even in New York. She also said the food was delicious, which I know she must have enjoyed, because down here the food is terrible. She also said that it's much more comfortable there because it's higher & the air is much drier.

How are you & everyone else at home? Is it still so warm? Where are you going for the 4th? Since I'm in the army, I don't even know what a holiday is anymore.

Give my regards to everyone & write when you get a chance.

Marty