



SELMAN FIELD  
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Tuesday 6/9

Dear Mom,

Received your special delivery letter Saturday evening, & finally tonight, I have time to answer.

We had our graduation dance last Friday night, and it really was very nice — much nicer than I expected it to be. It was formal, & was held on the roof of one of the hotels in town. The place is almost like the Astor roof. All the officers were there, & we were told the next day that it was the nicest & most orderly dance they have ever held.

We are still in pre-flight, however, until the end of this week. We were supposed to be graduated last Friday, but no orders came through from headquarters about us, so we were held over for another week. Orders did come through Sunday, though, to the effect that we would all go to advanced across the street. We completed our academic work last week, & this week we are attending classes to kill time until Friday. About 10%

of the class may get furloughs, & I have written a letter asking for one. I don't think I have much of a chance, though, because there will be only about 12 furloughs to our squadron of 125 men. I'll know definitely, however, by Thursday.

Pearl's mother & father are planning to come down here in a couple of weeks. The reason you weren't told about it was that it wasn't definite until last Friday. They called Pearl on Friday to find out whether she was coming home. When she said that she wouldn't go home unless I got a furlough, they said they would be down in a few weeks. I know that they planned on bringing you down when they came, but now that you are working, I guess you can't come.

How is everything at home? I heard that you had some very warm weather. How is it now? How are Grandma, Grandpa, Cecil & Al? Give them all my regards.

Well, that's all the news for now. Pearl is fine & sends her love to everyone. Let me hear from you.

Marty