



SELMAN FIELD  
MONROE, LOUISIANA

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Dear Mom, Gray & Cecil,

I got all your letters on the same day, about two or three days ago. I haven't had any time, though, to answer until now.

Well, we are in our last weeks now, with only about 4 or 5 days to go to graduation. We've been very busy with exams, night classes, etc. On Thursday, we had 4 exams, one of them even in a night physics class which was sprung on us. Another few days, however, with a few more exams, & it will all be over.

We still don't know what will happen after graduation from pre-flight. There are several rumors, & the most prevalent one right now, is that we are going to gunnery school for 5 weeks before going to advanced. This is only a rumor, however, & I don't think the whole class will go, even if it is true. Up to now, there hasn't been any gunnery course for cadets, so if



we do go, we will be the first, as usual. Our class seems to have been picked out as guinea pigs, & all new experiments are tried out on us. I don't think, however, that more than half of the class will go to gunnery, but we'll probably know more definitely by Wednesday or Thursday.

Pearl is fine, and enjoying herself. She is disturbed, however, by the gunnery school rumor. She's used to Monte & doesn't like the idea of changing, even though we may be back here in a few weeks. Mrs. Hill is also worried, because she has grown very fond of Pearl, & doesn't like to think of her leaving. She told me the other day that she would really miss her very much. They treat Pearl just like a sister. Mrs. Hill pals around with Pearl & her friends, & when I'm in, we have the run of the house & have our friends in for drinks, etc. Pearl likes them a lot too, & I hope that I do stay here & go right to advanced, so that she won't have to travel any more.

How are you & everybody else in New York? Down here it's just like summer, & we even have had corn on the cob for the past month or so. How is your job?

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

Marty