



SELMAN FIELD
MONROE, LOUISIANA

Friday 9/3/43

Dear Mom,

Received your letter today, & was glad to hear you're feeling better. Sorry I didn't write all week, but I haven't had time until tonight. We've been busy preparing for our twelfth week 7 hour exam due tomorrow. This is the last big exam before the final which comes at the end of the 15th week & is only a review.

We've completed the navigation course now, & the next 3 weeks is just review, & is filled in with little "refresher" courses, such as code, first aid, etc. - just to waste time. We've already had 5 hours each of aircraft & naval identification. Then, the last 3 weeks is a sort of operational training on the ground here, where actual crossings are worked out.

I can't wait for the next six weeks to pass. Since we've completed the work, we don't have enough

work in class to keep us busy, & it gets boring.
However, we are beginning to get busy with preparations
for graduation, & that makes it a little more interesting.
Next Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday we will be measured
for uniforms, & we've already started getting some of
our equipment.

Pearl got back last Saturday, & she's fine.
The day she came back was the hottest day in 15 years
down here. — 107.2° . The hottest day on record here is
only 108° .

We had our first cloudy day in over a month, this
week, but practically no rain. We haven't had rain in
about 3 months.

How is everyone at home? I hope to be able
to get back in 6 weeks, but you can never tell what
will happen when you're in the army. I won't know
definitely until about 3 days before graduation.

Well, I have to look over a few things for the
exam tomorrow, so I'll have to close.

Give my regards to everyone, & write soon.
Pearl sends her love.

Marty