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Dear Beyond Service Clubs 7 Jan, 1944

The letter I received from you is certainly proof of Uncle Sam's complete mail coverage. Your letter was sent to my home school in Greenwood Miss., I left there May 28<sup>th</sup> since then I've been to Columbus Miss for advance, went home from there on Aug 4 for ten days. Then back to Huntsville first Florida when I had B-17 transition as first pilot, then home again, and then to Lincoln Class. & Rant. Pool for assignment at Lincoln Nebraska, I spent a month there then came here, Leary City in a plane

and Combat crew training school.  
Here I received my 11 man crew and all  
are final training. Let 13<sup>th</sup> I leave  
here for Lincoln where we get mission  
assignments.

In a lot has happened since  
Strenuous!! This is the best field  
I have ever been on. My crew is  
perfect and everything is going along  
fine.

Most of our work here is  
ground school and flying, formation  
flying usually. The other day we  
flew a 10 ship formation at 20,000 to  
Le Crosse & Des Moines. We had to  
land at Des Moines because our gas  
was so low. We got back to the  
field just before it closed. Fuel  
was riding too.

Well I guess that's all

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