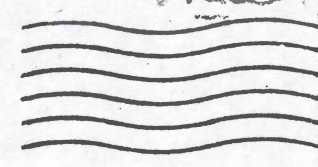


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Dear Johnny, (Bull) & all 1949

I meant to answer your little 10 pages before this but they keep us plenty busy.

Today a bunch of P-38s were flying around the base. They did some barrel rolls - are they beautiful & graceful when they fly. I can't tell it's a Lightning just by the sound & not by looking at it. They sort of whistle - you know what I mean. A plane of B-17s went over, too. We frequently see B-25s & 26s & a lot of TB Ds. They say it's full of T5-1s & 2s - Ryan & Stearns trainers. You see ^{(PT-23) the farm} the north base which is real close is a Primary Training Center.

You ought to see the engines we work on. It rights & Pratt & Whitney. This week we've got a 1820 Wright - 9 cylinders. It's been taken apart & put it back together again - it sure is fun & it's worth me work on it & other jobs. Do you know anything about engines?

The other day as we marched to class we crossed the ramp where they warm up all the plants. There are rows of them just like you see in the movies.

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Asmes walked behind a V.B.O. a
fellow in the cockpit reved up the engine
and the prop wash blew the whole
platoon to pieces. Hats went flying
off & rolled a long ways. It
really was funny.

Tell Johnny you be good
bay now - Good luck with
the ducks - He be counting
on a "dinner" when I come
home -

Mom, I'll write again tomorrow