



Second Lt. Howard D. Spalding

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 28th since then I've been to Columbus Miss for advance, went home from there on Aug 4 for ten days. Then back to Huntsville field Florida where 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,

Leaving City in a plane

and Contact crew training school.
Here I received my 11 man crew and all
am final training. Let 13th I leave
here for Lincoln where we get our
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 ft
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

L. J. Hawley
Pilot