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Dearest Dottie,

Another day another dollar.
Well I can use the dollar.

I had my second hour
of formation flying today.
That's a lot of fun, but it's
tricky - you don't realize how
fast you're moving in the
ship until you're about ten
feet from another plane.

You've got to keep your eye
on the lead man all the time,
and by the end of the period
everyone gets pretty sick of
that so it ends up in a
rat race. The lead man peels
off and we all follow him
about fifty feet behind.

It's like follow the leader.

You try to stay on the
tail of the ship in front of

you and shatter the ~~guy~~ ^{guy} behind
you. It's a lot of fun and
good training for combat.

Gosh, hon, how these days
are dragging along. They say
time waits for no one, but it
sure is markin' time for this
chicken, I love you and miss
you so much.

No, I haven't told anyone
about us yet, well only Steve
and Tom. Steve wondered
what had caused the sudden
change. I explained to him,
however. No, Tom didn't
give in this week, but he's
getting weaker and weaker.
He's paying the kid brother
to stick around.

I like that, - I didn't have
much to say about getting
married. I asked you, didn't
I? You told me about ~~that~~
having a double wine ceremony
in the Commodore Sunday, hon.



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It sounds swell to me.
If you hadn't suggested it,
I was going to. But listen
hon, you plan this wedding
as you like. I've always thought
a wedding means much more
to the girl than it does
to the boy. I know this means
very much to you, darling.

No, angel, it doesn't seem
real does it? I still can't
believe it. There is one
thing I am sure of, however,
that is - I love you and
will love you, always. There's
not the slightest bit of
doubt in my mind darling.
I know what I'm doing, and
I know we're not making a
mistake.

I don't think I'll be
flying next weekend. We're

caught up on time again now,
and we have until the 20th
to get twelve hours in.

I'd like to go out to dinner
somewhere, that way the evening
won't seem too short, and
we do have a lot to talk about.

So until next weekend however
I'll think of you always.

I love you -

As ever

Ed