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My Darling,

Gee it was wonderful to talk to you tonight angel. The telephone is a wonderful invention. I'd call you every night if it only didn't take so much time to get it through. It took me an hour and a half to get that call through tonight. and to think I could fly up there in less than an hour;—again honey so near and yet—so far.

Well I started aerial gunnery today. I told you the weather has been beautiful the last ~~today~~ two days. I haven't seen

a cloud in two days. For
the first time in weeks I
was above 1000' and it
was beautiful. I could see
for miles. I could see
half of the Gulf, outlined
in a dusty white by
sandy beaches all along the
shore. When you see a
large body of water from
the air it's not blue or
dark, it's a shimmering
gold color and it just
disappears into the blue
of the sky at the horizon.
This is beautiful country
to fly in darling, you'd
love it. Someday I'll show
you what I mean about
flying. As sweetie would
say, it's the second
greatest thrill in the world.
I'm disappointed about
this weekend now, but I
kind of expected it.



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That's one thing this place is very strict about. They used to let students off but when Monday came around they'd be about half of them here. The rest would be stranded somewhere, couldn't get transportation back. And you can't. We're out in the wilds here and we might as well get used to it. There are some G.I.'s who have been here three years. I'd of been in the bug house before the first month was up, — on A.W.O.L.

This course is alot of fun but I get so tired

of reading, hearing, and
even dreaming about
machine guns. I know how
to make 'em, break 'em,
clean 'em, fix 'em, store
'em and what ever else you
can do with 'em. Now if
I could only shoot the
God damned things I'd be happy.

This target we've got to
shoot at is a sleeve
^{wide} 22 inches by 15 feet long
towed behind a plane going
130 mph. and we're in
another plane doing about 160,
and the mad men expect us
to hit the hairy thing.
30 hits out of 200 is
expert, and for some
reason which I will never
understand I got 45 today.
I know damned well it
was luck and I'll never
be able to do it again.
Four ships fire at the



same target using bullets
coated with different colours
~~so~~ that come off on the
sleeve when they pierce it,
thus distinguishing the hits
of the different men.

Somebody must have been
using my colour today
or else the guy that
scored the target was colour
blind. Oh well, I'm not
complaining, I'm bragging.

Gee baby I wish this
time would hurry. It will
be swell to come home to
you at night in our
little one room flat.
Honey, it will seem like
a castle with you in it.
I still can't believe we're
married, maybe if I

could kinda see you once in
a while it would help. But
honey, you've got to learn
to cook. How about making
a bargain with me. You
cook me one meal just to
prove to me that you can,
and if I don't like it I'll
tell you, honest, and if I do,
well you've stuck, you
won't be able to talk your
way out of it any more.

I hope I get some mail
tomorrow, it's supposed to
come in then.

Well my darling it's
getting late, just about
sack time.

I love you with all
my heart and miss you
so darned much. Gosh
honey, will we ever be able
to be together always?

Well until then darling,
I send you all my love.
I love you—

Your devoted husband

[Signature]



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