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Dearest Dottie,

Well how I've got  
30 hours on the nose.  
That brings my total  
time up to 175 hours  
and forty seven minutes,  
it's really beginning to  
mount up now. That last  
ride in the AT-6 was  
a good one. I was  
charged to do solo transition  
and aerobatics, and so  
was Tom Bent, so I  
met him at 7,000' over  
aux 2 and we had a  
merry time chasin' each  
other all over the sky.  
It's a hell of a lot of fun



trying to stay on a  
guy's tail, especially when  
it's a good pilot like Tom.

If there are any new  
maneuvers in the books we  
sure did them today.

I sure had the thought  
of going to advanced and  
flying those G.P. trucks  
after flying a sweet ship  
like this baby. I sure wish  
I could make pursuit.

We still don't know where  
we're going or when or  
how - this damned army!

Oce honey, it's swell  
to get long letters from  
you. I wish we didn't have  
to write too, that you could  
be here with me. You  
wouldn't hinder my flying  
or my work at all, darling  
you'd help it, but there's  
other reasons why we've got





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to wait until March.  
Not only because I'm  
not making enough money,  
or because we wouldn't have  
much time together, but honey,  
what if I ever washed out?  
We'd be in one helluva  
mess then, I would only  
make 50 bucks a month.

I want you to understand  
darling that if I ever do  
wash out (and it happens to  
the best of us) I couldn't  
marry you until I was  
graduated as a Navigator  
or Bombardier, I know you'll  
understand why, angel.  
But if I do make it honey,  
you'll have a husband on your



hands before you know  
what happened. You bet I want  
to get married the day I  
get home darling. I wish it  
could be the day I graduate,  
but I guess that would be  
too much for one day.  
Gosh I love you—

I'm glad you decided to  
wait until after Christmas  
to get another job. That's  
the smartest thing to do now.

I spoke to Steve about  
Sunday and he said he'd  
love to come down if we  
don't get a delay en route.  
If we do he'll probably  
go home. He said for me  
to tell you that he thanks  
you for asking. It was  
very sweet of you to ask  
him darling but after all,  
everything you do is sweet.





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Oh, about that 90 days  
on the post deal after we  
graduate. All I have to  
do is pay rent for a  
\$ room in the B.O.A. I  
don't have to live here.  
That is considered establishing  
residency on a Post; it's  
an A.F.F. Regulation for  
newly commissioned officers.

I'm going to try to  
write Dad soon, when  
I get the time, but we've  
been busy here lately, I  
haven't even written Mom  
this week. In this outfit  
you hardly get time  
to breathe, among other  
things.



Don't mind what I say  
about Bill hon, I know he  
must be a swell guy if you  
ever went with him. It's just  
that I don't like what his  
intentions were toward you  
darling. And I'm not jealous  
of him, honey. I trust you  
completely, I know that if he ~~mentioned~~  
anything to you now hon, you'd  
tell me. But let's not talk about  
that. all I know is that I love  
you darling, and miss you  
terribly, you'll never know how  
much.

Well darling, I've got to go  
to work now. I love you hon,  
and am counting the minutes  
until I see you again my  
darling. Until then you have-

All my Love  
Fredd