



ARMY AIR FORCES
GREENSBORO,
NORTH CAROLINA

Thursday
20.00

Dearest Mom:

I just got through K.P. It wasn't so bad today as I was in the guard mess, where all the men on guard duty are fed. I still had to get up at 0300.

How was your trip home?
I hope it wasn't too tiring for you. I think of you and try to picture where you are all the time.

As you know I went to the range yesterday. I was extremely interesting. In the morning I pulled & marked targets. That is I stood in the pit ^{directly} in front of the targets and flashed back the shooter's score.

It's done by looks. a white disk is a bull's eye (5), a red disk is 4, a black cross on a white background. in 3 and a black disk is 2. a red flag means that the target was missed altogether. They call this flag "Maggie's Drawers."

In the afternoon I shot the Carbine, got a score of 150 out of a possible 200, that classifies me as a marksman. Then I fired the Thompson Machine Gun. Boy that was terrific. 25 shots went off in a fraction of a second. Afterward we were all searched for shells. You can get 6 months for swiping one of them.

This classification is really beginning to wash-out the men. They're washing out left and right. A fellow in our barracks made it as a bombardier. I probably won't know



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my results for a few days
yet, though If I fail to
fail. That's all there is to it.
If I can't fly I can't, what
the hell, gunnery is all right
too. All I hope is that you
won't be too disappointed if
it happens.

I got a letter from Don T.
and Pat Palmyre today.
Everything is the same there.

I just want to be issued
steel helmet. a P.F.C.'s are
now issued them. It's a beast.

Well, anyel, I'm pretty tired, so
guess I'll sign off. Give my love to Biggie
and Cynt, and to all at home. Goodnight
sweetheart, I love you.

[Signature]

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