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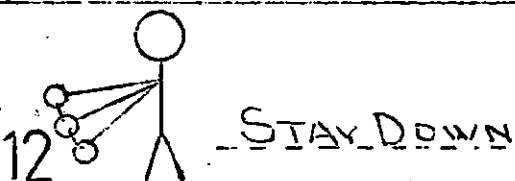
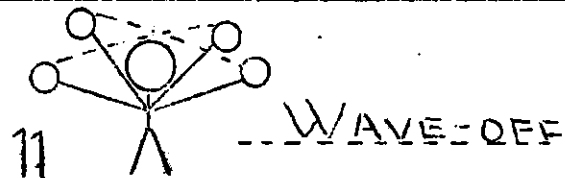
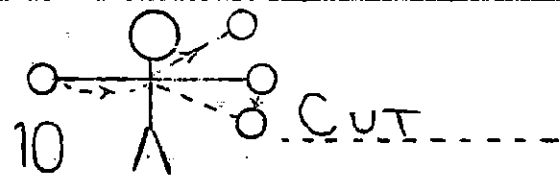
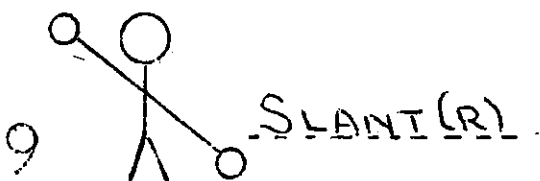
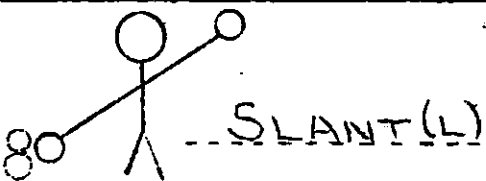
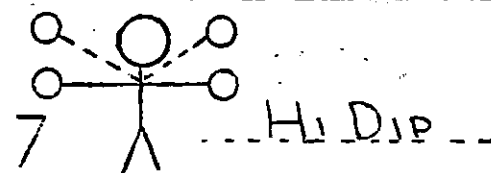
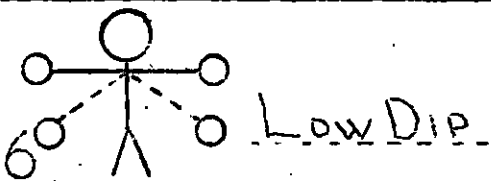
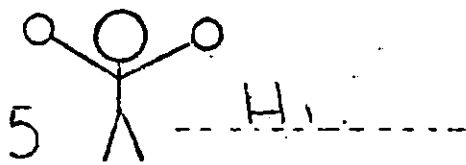
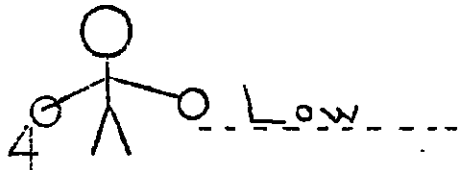
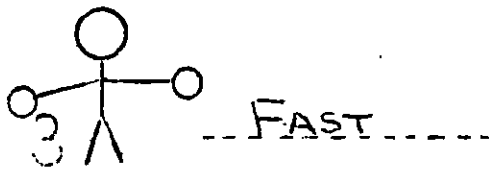
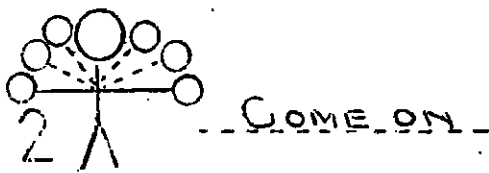
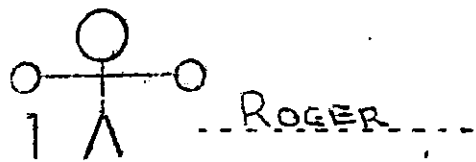
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MEANING AND ANSWER



Signals we receive while coming in to land on a carrier. We answer in a certain way and promptly answer a signal.

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Fri, Noon

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Dear Mom,
I'm leaving
this afternoon for Chicago.
I'll let you know as soon
as possible about when
I'll be home.

I'm glad to be
off but I'll be glad to still
be about one week (I hope)

So much love to all

Bo

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FRIDAY

Dear Mom,

I & I were at Maine 3 years ago today I would probably be down at the Casino playing "21" or at a race, for right now it is pouring absolute waterfalls. The rains here come on without notice and such downpours. I have never seen we are supposed to be swimming now, having finished lectures and flying, but athletics have been secured so I "find myself" with an excellent opportunity to catch up on some letters.

The weather - to start off on a well worn subject - has improved but the sudden showers continue. The heat is bearable - far better than Chapel Hill last year, but due to all this moisture you feel clammy a good deal of the time. I just wear those coveralls plus undershorts when flying and come down drenched every time. Instead of wearing a helmet I've been wearing some special headphones, far cooler and far easier. The TB's affords such protection that glasses can be worn instead of goggles. Several times we have been caught up in this weather. It is quite a trick coming in with low visibility and landing on a slippery runway. It's good to get some foul weather flying though for obvious reasons.

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Today I had 2 instruments hops, and
they weren't too bad. They don't put on
the pressure here as in corps, with
a result that you do a much smoother
job. We take off on instruments, learn to
use evasive tactics blind, and other such
maneuvers. They advocate "positive control"
which means just slamming your plane
over into steep turns etc. It isn't
hard after a while, and it certainly
is practical.

Yesterday an army pilot flew his
B-25 in and landed downwind -
no question sin could one commit. The
poor fellow was embarrassed to
death. He just read our word too
wrong I think.

I can just picture you in
Maine - it met me back there
now. How I wish we all were
there. So often I find myself
thinking about this - remembering
the past. Perhaps this is why
it has never been too hard on me
being away.

I will be anxious to hear
all about Tokio camp. It
is probably being it - his letter to
you was certainly an indication



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I couldn't make out if you were going
back to Kport after camp or not, but
perhaps this will reach you.

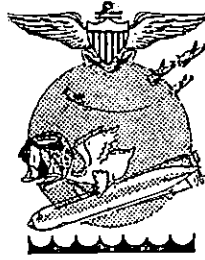
Faust, my roommate, who was wanting
for orders - finally left. He was a post
flyer it seems, and he ~~was~~ has been
completely washed out of the Navy.

In other words he is now a civilian.
They do that here. One mistake too many,
and it's the axe. I am going to work
in with Tim Wykes on Sunday which
will be fun.

We are scheduled to leave 3 weeks
from today. We may be delayed a week or
so. I should know where I am
going in about 10 days or 2 weeks.
I'm hoping my orders reach Norfolk
after 15 days - leave plus 6
days travel. In that case I
could come directly home without
having to worry about a carrier
checkout at Chicago. I would
get my checkout after my leave. The
other alternative is go to Chicago for

a few days and then get leave.

Barbara is on her way ^{to} California now - I think. I can't help but think of all the ~~serious~~ etc. on the trains these days. It is a real situation, and though I know she can take care of herself, I hate to think of the embarrassment that she undoubtedly must suffer. Now, I think you ^{may} feel that my opinion of certain groups is unjust. For example my criticism of the WAVES. However, though my experience (one year) be limited, I do believe I have the situation sized up correctly. We are going through ~~a~~ ^a period of relapse as far as morals go. Perhaps it has always been this way and I have been too innocent to see it - however I doubt this. Frank House and I briefly discussed the matter. ~~As~~ I can see it but he could express it far better than I. I think that undoubtedly it can be blamed on the war and the emotional ~~the~~ crises coming from it, but to me this is no excuse. Married women, here, with husbands overseas fighting are as great offenders as common playgirls. The whole thing is almost sickening. I am so afraid that Nancy & Barbara ~~at~~ and all those girls just don't realize what is going on. Perhaps there is no need for them to know - cause of all the girls



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we have known them are few of
questionable morals. In fact
the whole question probably does not
even apply to people of our status
or class (though I hate the word)
But being with fellows from different
backgrounds all the time makes it
come so large before my eyes. A ~~society~~
~~world~~ where faithlessness
is replacing devotion, where immorality
is replacing decency surely cannot
be a permanent fixture of a civilized
country - no I'm convinced that
it is a period which will go on until
the war ends and perhaps ^{for} a time thereafter.

My love to Garry & Gampo,
and Buck and to Louise and
our babies -

much love to you,

Bob

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Thursday

Dear Mum,

First of all and mainly is the matter of a glorious 5 days. Never in the world could any son ever have been given such a welcome. You and Dad ~~just~~ died too much for me. Not much else I can say about it, except that those short 5 days have made all my time away from home seem worthwhile. True though it may be, it's a short stay with those you love which re-clarifies in one's mind exactly what ~~you~~ fighting for. From now on ~~me~~ it will be no picnic. Two months here (no more.) A week or so at Chicago and then as quickly as our squadron can form at either San Diego or Norfolk or Oklahoma, we head overseas. That takes perhaps a week, perhaps 2 months; depending on the men available. Being here and seeing these monstrous ships in their battle paint brings home the point that it won't be long now. I cannot wait - not because of the glamour or of the thrills - for heaven's knows I love my home like few others - but because it is my job, clearly defined and it must be done.

Now for this semi-paradise. The train ride wasn't bad. I slept till 7. Ate dinner and at 10 was fast asleep. I didn't wake till 1200 the next day, and that afternoon

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I slept, too. I met Clark Kellogg and his wife of a day on the train. She is Danish and they had no trouble finding an apartment by the shore. It was quite hot when we arrived and still is, but it's bearable. I came right out here to the base and reported in. They sent me over in a station wagon to Junior Officer's Quarters (J.O.Q.) where I am now. Last night I had a single room but now I'm in my permanent double room with a fellow about to leave. We have two beds - two closets - a desk - a washbasin, 2 bureaus - a table, 2 chairs and a big reading lamp. The rooms are a soft yellow with lovely furniture. J.O.Q. is nice as a whole too. It has a large lobby with victrola, pool, telephone etc. and then a large living room. The food, they say, is terrific. Last night I had some sandwiches and milk just a snack before bed - this is only one of the many conveniences such as maid service for beds, freedom to leave base at will, officers' bar, etc. It is really quite fine.

We get one full day every 8 and as things go now we can go out whenever we are free - almost every evening - however we have to fly early so it's best to be in the sack early.

The flying is something. We have been given a lot of literature on the TBF and tomorrow our flight #44 gets a cockpit checkout. The plane is tremendous that's about all I can say now. I'll know more later. We have ~~no~~ duals - just



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get in and solo - Just sitting in the ship is quite a thrill - It's tremendous. All the fellows like it here, especially the flying. We should start flying Saturday. I am in a flight with fellows I know but slightly. Some I don't know at all as yet. Fellows come here from Corpus and Pensacola, also Britishers.

This is an operational base, not transitional. When we leave here we are ready for action.

This afternoon I went into town to Lt. Bernie Boyle's house. He is here at the base. You met him at Chapel Hill. He married the Gill girl from Proctor. Her sister Mary, Weston, is here now. We went to the beach. It was beautiful - the water too warm however. There are some lovely spots here and tonight, with the full moon, it was almost like a picture.

I tried to call Timmy today but his line was busy - I'll try again.

Every other Sat. they have dances out here at B.O.A.

The scuttlebutt about our crew is true. So the plan is now, we get on

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crew in about 3 weeks and fly all the way with them. They are supposed to go to the fleet with us too. They work the two guns and radio etc. never have I seen so many dials etc. as in our cockpit. I suppose we'll all be of some meaning soon. What a ship!

Well Mum it's getting late so I'll knock off for now. Our leave is as definite as anything can be. We go to Chicago for our carrier checkouts and then get leave. 15 days plus travel time. What a time we'll have. This beach is a picture, but the zip of Maine is lacking.

One last thing, sweet Mamma! The way you and Dad both were so wonderful about Barbara probably means none to me then anything. After all you hadn't seen me in ages, and yet you didn't object to my coming off. I needn't bother to tell you how much Barb means to me - pretty evident I guess - knowing this you must know how happy you made me by being so nervous about having her up etc.

Goodnight and much much love

Pop



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Monday

Dear Mum & Dad,
Thanks for your two letters

which both arrived today. I was very
interested in those anti-sub bombing shots.
We have been doing a great deal of
that work lately, and those pictures are
really very good. As you say I may
be doing that soon, though I hope not.
I still would prefer a battle carrier.

A lot of these anti-sub TBF squadrons
are now based also. Of course I
wouldn't object if Frank (Frank Knorr)
sent me to Anson's Point on F4U's
Bennett in Bloch for a couple of
months. We should find out when we
go in about 2 or 3 weeks.

I am anxiously awaiting word of
your experiences Sat. night. I heard
the hit parade and I distinctly heard
Mum singing "You were meant
for me - Frankie's boy."

Thanks for the photographs. I
do think they are good. I am sending one

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to the Flats, upon their request.

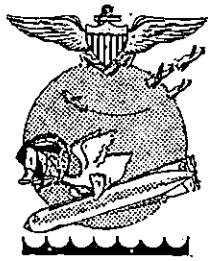
Tomorrow I have an instrument hop
and a carrier landing hop. They are
streaming instruments & instruments flying now.
Seems they are terribly important.

I saw a Henry Oldrich voice here
at the base tonight. Also heard
Fred & am now ^{back} listening to Marian
Baderson. I have used this radio
almost incessantly. There really is some
beautiful music in the evenings.

"Firestone" - "Bell Tel" - and ~~the~~ "Citico Service"
plus many others. I have really
come to appreciate ~~some~~ classical music
a great more, and now wish that
my ^{piano} repertoire did not begin ~~and~~ and
end with "Swanee River".

I sent Barbara an alligator;
he ate Mrs. Mike's Frog in her pool,
and finally ~~beat~~ ^{beat} an escape into the
woods. If you would like a "gate"
at home - give me the word and his
as good as yours.

Not much else for now,
I'll send you a couple of snapshots soon.
Fairly sad ones - with love
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~~stop~~
~~the same~~
Tues.

Dear Mum,

I trust you got
my wire sent last ~~Friday~~ ^{Monday}. No
things were too good to be true so
now we go to Chicago. I'll leave here
Friday I think. We take an afternoon
sit-up job since it's faster than the
other and get to Chicago Saturday
nite. We report to Glenview Sunday
nite at mid-nite, and from there on it
depends on weather as to when I'll
get there. We have to make 6 landings
aboard a carrier and that's ~~all~~ all
but the wind has to be just
right. The least it takes is 2 days
the most 2 weeks, so once again
my plans are very indefinite. Maybe
I'll be lucky enough to get there up there
quickly. I can't figure out why we
have to go there - I hope it means well
be at Norfolk a shorter time.

I called Barbara up last
night. Gosh Mum she is so swell to
me. ~~and~~ she was just as ~~she~~ cute
as she could be about it. What a

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gal - Her trip back from Cal. was not
too bad. ~~She~~ she still is coming
up to Maine with us, thank heavens.
Smith starts the 12th or so looking.
Poor N.B. having to go back the 1st.
That seems mighty early.

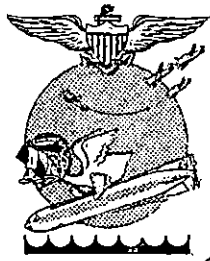
Tonight we have another note hop.
I am gradually becoming a shadow
of the shadow of my former self.
I'll be so glad to finish up and
get home. It's been terribly tiring
with note-flying & carrier landings.
I don't seem to sleep on cat so
well so I should, but I feel fine
Maine 'll fix me though. ~~It~~

I'll try to see Craft in Chic.

Today at 1045 Lt. Comdr. Lynch
stopped in here on his way to Jacksonville.
I was on a hop so I missed him,
but he left a note for me. I
wish I had seen him.

This week extra just will not
getty home so much better really. I'm
so anxious now that by then I'll
be overcome.

The note flying has been pretty good
we've been blessed by a big full



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moon which make its use. Last
night however I had a formation Tactics
flight and the moon was gone. It
was like pitch. Couldnt tell what
the other fellow was doing. Just
had to fly wing on his lights as
well as possible. Tonight looks
a little clearer so all will be well.

I don't know my address
at Glenview, but I'll write as soon
as I can from there. There are 2
cannons there. ~~at the~~ I can't
wait to get ~~on~~ this over with.
It is pretty ticklish stuff at first.
I'll tell you all about it when I
get back.

Well, Whewy dear, I hope this
a week from now I'll be ~~at~~ almost
up there with you all -

Love to Nance, Buck, and
I course Dad -
ever lovingly
[Signature]

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Sunday

Dear Mum,

Well now you're back from
Kponto. I hope the weather at home isn't
too bad after Marine.

Last night Tim came over
from Marine. We had a drink here at T.O.R.
and then went into Lauderdale for a steak.
He got here too late to sample one of our
meals. The meal in town was delicious,
however. Tim brought a J.G. named
Coolman with him - after dinner we came
back here and then they left. Tim looks
well and is in good spirits. He is taking
a leave in mid-August and plans to get
to Kponto when we're there, I mean there
he really is anxious to get back up there
if possible. He definitely expects
carrier orders in the early Fall. Wouldn't
it be a break for me if I could hit
the same carrier his on. He didn't know
what his duties'd be, but I assume
he'd be an air combat intelligence
man or some similar job.

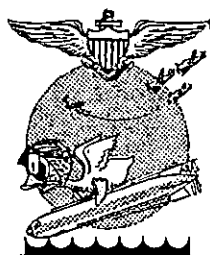
Thursday, my day off, he is sending
a plane over here for me and I am
flying there. I'll look over the base

and then we're going in for a swim and
dinner at ^{the} Bath Club. It sounds like
a marvelous day. I'll let you know about
it.

I'll probably see lots of fellows I
know. I'm lucky I didn't go there.
They're there only 1 month, but
it is not an operational base like this.
They do carrier landing practice there
like we do, but they qualify to check out
in SAW's where as we qualify in
a service type ship - TBF. They have
to go all the way out there doing at
their next station whereas we're
ready for the fleet at this base.

According to the latest
reports, our ~~own~~ crew is definitely
going to the fleet with us. I
am delighted as I have a good
man. I have my eye on a good
radio room, too. He is flying with a
2nd Lt. here, but many gunners can't
go with their Marine pilots, so
I'll try to snag him. It'd really be
great to have your own plane, set
crew and all. ~~As~~ As for a name
I am debating, Alvin.

Today we had high-alt. dive



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hounding. Quite a thrill!!

Yesterday I lost my gold
white Bakar game we - I've
searched everywhere but no sign.
I'm really sick over it. My only hope is
that since it has G4WB on it, it will
somehow get back to me.

I have now moved into #336
with Wykes. It is a corner room
and far cooler - also there are many
less roaches - our other room was
swarming with wildlife of all sorts.

perhaps I'll meet Betty Lou
Tuesday with at the Bath Club. I
certainly hope so. I do feel guilty, Mamma,
but I just haven't been there at all.

The time left is so short
before this leave. Everywhere I say "how I'm
looking forward to it" but I honestly believe
that these 2 weeks will be just about
the 2 best in my life so far. For once
year I've been constantly thinking of
this leave and now it's almost here. What's
gone before and what's coming after

make it seem so big to me. Just to be
back at home long enough so I can feel
"firmly entrenched" - yes, it's
going to be my biggest treat and
its ~~at~~ less than 3 weeks! (maybe it'll
be 4 it will be a little)
Barbara gets back on the 8th
of August from California.

How I wish Regina were to be
home. It's his 21st at that isn't it.
Here he should be having a big
"coming of age" tea dance (remember
that one we laughed ~~so~~ over so.)

Goodnight then dear. Here it is
the end of a Sunday. My churching has been
sadly neglected, but it's impossible
to go since our Sunday schedule is
exactly the same as any other day.
So much love to you all,
V

Pop

Dear Mum, Wed.
 yesterday I had a truly delightful
 day with Timmy. At 1145 on SNB, twin motorcar,
 plane arrived to pick me up. We flew back to
 Opa-locka, (10 minute ride) and then I went up
 to the tennis courts to meet Tim. He was in on
 hot doubles game with Knott, Cookman, and some
 other fellows. It was a sweltering day so I
 secured to the pool a bit later. They have a
 fairly nice fresh water pool there. We had a
 light lunch at the O club and then went down
 to Tim's office. His telephone was ringing every
 minute of the day. We left about 5
 and went to the Bath Club. A very cute girl,
 Ginny Myers came with us. Her husband
 had been missing for 6 months in the Pacific.
 He's a marine aviator. The Bath Club was
 very nice. After a swim we went and had
 a marvelous dinner at the Woodlark Hotel
 and then Tim drove me back here, so I
 got a good sleep. All in all it was a
 delightful day. I saw Mr. Barum at the
 Bath Club, also Frank Urban. Mr. B didn't
 seem to recognize me - "pulled a Prong on me".
 Also, Mum, the highlight of the day was
 meeting Betty Lou & her Ma. Timmy introduced
 me. She is lovely - very fair - ~~beautiful~~
 very beautiful, at first I didn't think
 so, but then after looking at her for a
 while I did. She looks to me something
 like Lily Ann Linchey, only better, and
 something like Sue Tompkins, ~~just as~~
 as good. All in all she certainly was

P.S. I've ~~lost~~ 10 pounds
a skeleton of my former skeleton"

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attractive. She was very friendly and
chatty. ~~the~~ Mrs. K. raved over me, saying
he was her very favorite. BL didn't say
too much about him, but I don't suppose
she was in any position to. I will say
she hasn't forgotten him, so don't worry
over that. I wish I had had a live
tongue talk with them. ~~never~~ She lives
up to P.S. B's raving - only one thing that
bothers me (of course this is confidential
material) As Tunny says she is a bit
independent - for example Callahan would
have a date with her and he'd arrive late
to find her out on another date. Independence
is not the word, perhaps inexperience, but
that is too harsh. I don't know what
made me notice it, but I did before Tunny
told me of her experiences. It is a very small
thing, however, and probably not even true. All in
all she seemed delightfully attractive -
I hope Mo is in there. I will try to see her
again before leaving. The Navy set full Lt.
lieutenants and all really one after her in a
big way. Mr. Bauman said this a good
friend of Elizabeth's -

I believe Tunny has fluffed Mary T
off on vice versa. He said she had ditched



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him and didn't mention
her at all. ~~She~~ has a picture of her
which makes her really look beautiful -
terrific.

Gosh Jimmy is fun. He was
just perfect. His leave in with
Bryant is fact now. Won't that
be fun. He'll be in N.Y. & Greenwich,
and then up to Maine, I think.

This Betty Myers is a fun
pretty girl and real good fun
too.

Today we had a Torquet
one hop. The time for leaving is
drawing near.

I got a sweet letter from
Jane. Randy had been out with
her the night before and spent the
night there - He seems to be having a
gay time there. I enclose the first
page of Jane's letter - I don't think
she'll mind. Do you think she wants
Ruth Phelps.

Those pictures aren't too hot. The
girl is cool similar. I have on
am fluffing her off completely. She
has been nice to me, but now I
~~can~~ don't like her too much - she's
sort of like that girl. Daddy
had on that houseparty who said
to him "What about me" -
She didn't say this, but she
sort of kiki-wacky and
everything I think of some other
girls. I know (N.B, Park, Jane)
I realize how poorly I'm
doing. I don't want to be mean
to her but I am going to
shut her off cold. Her ^{step-}father
is an advertising man named
C.B. Ware - Her mother was named
Wood and was Yale, around
Dad's time.

So long for now, Mom.
Much, much love,
BPP

P.S. Tell Mom what I said about
Betty low cause I want him to know how ~~small~~
she was. I'll write him shortly.



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Sunday

Dear Mom,

Today the captain gave the whole base a day-off and tomorrow is our regular liberty so you can see I am in the middle of quite a holiday. Today was beach and tomorrow 4 of us are going to rent a boat and do a little deep sea fishing. I'd sure love to hook on to a good big sail, but I'm afraid that is just a real long shot.

This book "over at First Flight" is really a riot. I usually have trouble laughing at a book, but not this one. Having been there it makes a difference I guess, but I think you and Dad would enjoy it. It is very good humor I think. Try it!

My friendship with Carol came to an abrupt and dramatic finish. I called her up and told her I couldn't see her any more. What a

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thinkin' thing to do but I just
couldn't stand her any longer. She had
been very nice and all, but Oh-oh-oh
She sure makes Baba look good -
not that it takes anyone to make her
look good.

Got a letter from Freddy. He
is going over shortly. I was glad to
get his letter. He is a real friend
and I hope no harm shall come to
him. He is my first real friend
to be going over (Tim House I'm counting
as a relative not friend) He won't be
in the front line but those fellows
sometimes get precarious assignments.

I got that letter from George
Ravenelle. He is in college in
Chile. They work them pretty hard
it seems.

We have been doing quite a bit
of flying lately. We now have a
permanent instructor who flies with
us every day. He is Lt. Ellison
who has been with the Fleet Navy
1903, etc. He knows this game



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cold, and I am fortunate to
~~be~~ ^{be} flying with him. We
do all our work in 6 plane
divisions. After every flight
Lt. Ellison gets us together - we go over
our mistakes etc.

I had quite an instrument
hop yesterday. We take-off on instruments
and do wing-overs blind etc.

Yesterday Lt Carlson put
us in a position like this



sort of $3/4$ upside down.

and then told me to bring
it out. Of course I was
under the hood. couldn't tell
a thing. I just let her
go - she fell over on her
back and down and then
I could bring it out. You

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can't tell what position you're in
by feel - all must be done by
coördinating certain instruments.

No word on orders yet.

No more news so I better
let the sack.

About as long now /

Make much love
By

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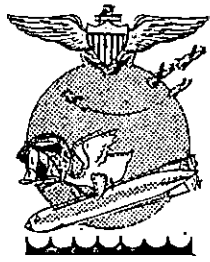
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Mon
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Dear Mom,
I certainly loved talking to
you last night. It just made me
so much more anxious to see you all.
I was calling from Sam Palau's - a
restaurant where you can get a
fairly fine meal. Four of us had
just returned from an 8 hour
fishing trip - and what a day.

How I wish Dad had been
along with us - he'd have loved it.
We (Landsberg, Cochrane, Moberg, & I)
chartered the same boat and out
we went. We fished in our underwear.
Had the Sunday papers & plenty of
refreshments along. Only 3 fished
at a time so the odd man slept
on deck - really peaceful. Here's what
happened - Landsberg had on his
line - 1 sailfish, 1 dolphin, and
1 giant wahoo. They all got away
but we had the thrill of seeing

then break water and strip the line off the reel. The wahoo, according to our captain, was undoubtedly a record breaker - really beautiful. He jumped clear up out of the water taking the bait with him.

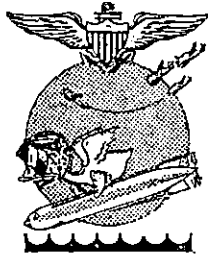
I got a translucent barracuda on the line - He also broke water. How I'd love to have landed him. They are real fierce fish with sharp teeth.

Cochran had a dogfish on, and he landed a shark.

Mohr also caught a shark.

Then to me brought in 10 bonitos. The bonito is a small tuna. They pack a real wallop and are fun to catch. Also got one snapper. All in all it was a marvelous day - never have I gotten such a thrill out of fishing.

Just expect me any time at Miami. As I said last



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into I'll go home for a day
and then come on up. I
don't know what day it will
be I won't know for a while
yet.

Whether Barbara will come with
me, I do not know. I certainly hope so,
but I told her to be perfectly
honest etc - so she may decide to
stay at home for a while. She is still
in Cal. Do you think you should
call Mrs. Piers and sort of
formally invite Bob or tell her
and love having her.

Wassie that's what for
Wassie meeting F. House on the
train.

Today we have a big
Navigation hop.

So long and much love
Cg

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Thursday P.M.

Dear Mom,

Today we had 2 "eat fun" hops.
The first was a 2 hour torpedo & gunnery
hop. We made runs on a bunch of
subchasers that were in formation.

What a thrill to shoot in and then
pull out over the deck. You can see
the faces of the men on the boats
plainly - shoot by at terrific speeds
turning & twisting only a few feet over
the water. Nothing like it - You'd have
to see a torpedo attack to fully appreciate
the thrill of it. I had 2 men with me.

Today Harry sprained his ankle, so I took up
two other men. Harry is in sick bay, but
hopes to be out tomorrow - I dropped
over and saw him tonight. Our second hop
was a field cannon landing hop in
547's - these hops are swell too.

We got about 8 in a "J" and then
got 8 in TBF's, and then we actually
go to landing on a carrier. After we leave
here that is.

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Yesterday was liberty and I just braced.
I didn't go to Miami - these
days are so hot, I just never get up
the energy to get on that bus and go to
Miami. In the first place Jimmy is out at
Opalaca and then probably I'd never see
Betty Lou or Mary Joyce. I got a twister
burnt out at the beach and lost into my face
but quite a hit from it. I got a good
tan and then it disappears. The day before
I come home I'll go to the beach so I'll
be able to look Floridian.

I got a cute letter from Jane
today. She said Randy had not called her
up, but he probably will - he told me
he would.

When your little Buck must be in
heaven up there sometimes these days
make me long for Kport. The weather
here is not unbearable, but at times it
does get pretty warm. Those ^{are} the days
when you are glad to get a torpedo
sun.

This is really a most miserable letter
when - I'll do better soon. There seems to
be so little to write -
much love,
Pep

Haven't missed Fred for 18 straight
times.



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July 1

Dear Mum,
Many Happy happy birthdays.
I wish we had all been here today with
you. I celebrated your birthday by
a high altitude hop - 20,000 feet, with oxygen
of course. It was quite clear and you
could see for miles. I circled our plane
several times. We also had a section
routine hop today. Flying this ship in
formation is work even tho so heavy.
Today for the first time I had one of my
permanent crew along. He is a likable
fellow about 23 or 24 I'd say. named
Harry Lomblen. These boys have hardly
even been up before so they aren't quite
air broken yet. my boy had no ill effects
though from either the low or high altitudes.
I haven't met my radio man yet.

Yesterday was quite an eventful
day. Tuesday night - my regular night off
I headed down to Miami - then went out
to a Miami Beach hotel - the Portington by
name. It was a nice clean place with
a liberal supply of monkeys. ^{but}
as I decided I'd take a try at
fishing Frankie's horse. I went to some
Bony Hotel and then inquired - 3 sergeants

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immediately tracked him down thru BTC Headquarters
and gave me an address. I went out
there and luckily Frank had just
come in from a 3 day troop train trip.
He looks well but quite thin. He got an
all day pass so we went out to lunch and
then called Tim Walker up. He told us
to use the Bath Club, so we needed no cooking.
He couldn't get out, but I remember
how much we spent and will mail him a
check. We spent the aft. out there.
A lot of Yale Ensigns were there - no Freddy
Dent showed up however. Hank Usher,
a Brown boy and a few others. I inquired
about Betty Lou. It seems that Lyt
Gould (who was there too) is rushing
her around now. Poor Pres, maybe he is
in, but his crew got a lot of
computers it seems. I sent Betty Lou a
message via some friend of hers - went there
I say see her. We waited till 6 thinking
Tim would show but he never did so
we went back to the Army area and
met Austin Higgins - Yale, Wolf's Head, ex
Team Taylor man, we took in some
waffles and then a movie. I grabbed
a 10 o'clock bus home. My right
arm is about off. The Brown there
hottos etc., the Army boys, and there are
thousands, really no salute. It really
was nice seeing Frankie. He has been accepted
for O.C.S. but has to wait till they call
him in. The fellows in his outfit seemed



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really tops. All quashed for O.C.S., just waiting. Really love boys all. Frank is coming up here some day - this Sunday night. I'll see him up and give him a plane ~~ride~~ if possible. I think I can arrange it.

Yes it was a delightful day and it was good to see Frankie again. Probably will see him next time. I'm glad you told me Morgan is here. I'll look him up.

Got a letter from Barbara. Martha wants her baby so Barbara is going out to California I guess. Poor girl, she feels badly about leaving her job, not that she loved it, but she's afraid people'll think she couldn't ~~take~~ ^{take} it. Barbara is almost too conscientious - she worries so over everything. ~~and~~ I'll tell you all about it in detail some day. She will be back in August though for sure. Poor Tony, he's got washed out of the Air Corps for his health. He can't get in a thing. I wish that a tough break.

Henry Aldrich just came on. Should be good 1/2 hour.

My roommate here is quite a refreshing character, after a lot of tough guys. He's a Williams man class of '38. His damn

me and we get along very well.

I wrote Anne today and gave him all
the addresses of people and places to
see. Thought I'll write Jane and Mr. Kennedy.
If I ^{go} to CA at Chicago (carnival
qualification) I can easily get a Navy
plane, fly to Alimony and see Anne Stone
etc.

John Tunis promises sounds fine. Maybe
I better remove the sling from my arm - or
maybe better not even play
So, thibet also "says" Alice" who is

the boy

Nothing else for now. Where. I do
hope it ~~call~~ could off up there. It
is quite hot here now but it's not too
bad.

Got a letter from Freddy today.

He's fed up with his present set-up. He
don't believe him at all. He wants to get
in boxes thoroughly specialize in medicine.

much love Anne dear -
Thank to you always. Best love
and - so much love again,
Pops

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Naval Air Station

UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
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Thursday

Dear Mum,

I got your letter from Maine today and don't think it didn't sound marvelous. I about died laughing over the little item about Buck and little Johnny. The word is a new one on me.

About plans---I certainly would like to spend a few days at Maine. I sure wish big Dad could get off, that's a tough deal. I will know in about a week if my orders read Chicago or Norfolk. If they are Chicago I will probably have to go out to San Diego afterwards so I ~~am~~ hoping for the latter. Norfolk would mean leave direct from here. It is impossible to guess which I will get. The last class got Chic and ~~Norfolk~~ Diego. If I do get Chicago that idea of flying to Portland or Boston would be fine, except I probably will not be able to get reservations, since at Chicago you never know whether it will be a week or two days. Would it be O.K. if Barbara came up to Maine with me? (please excuse all spellings and capitalizations-I'm too lazy to correct) I am afraid all this is pretty indefinite, but I know no more right now. Anything you decide to do will be fine with me however.

Don't bother to send me the book by Spaulding.

Count Barrows is sending it to me. Perhaps you have read the reviews. It is supposed to be a riot. At corpus Fricky told me the movies were after it before he had even finished it. I met him by the pool one day down there. He was very nice and mentioned that he roomed with George Mead. I enclose two reviews. The Count is sending me both of these books. He is now in Winchester Mass. recovering from a very serious back operation. I get quite

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a few letters from him. ~~xxxxxx~~

I guess when Jimmy hears that all Herbie's gang will be at Kport he will really go up there for quite a while. It will be almost like old times for Ganny.

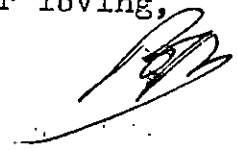
I am writing this from the link trainer building. I am about to go up on a 1/2 hour link hop. The day is a real scorcher.

Don Walker is on a one week leave in Swampscott.

I'll let you know as soon as I can about dates etc. Please go ahead and make plans anyway and I'll sort of fit in - don't wait on me as I probably will never know till the very last minute.

Goodbye and so much love to Dad and Nance and oh ye, MAMA, keep a little for yourself-----

your loving,



My nose is so red and sunburned it is on the verge of dropping off.

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July 11
Sunday

Dear Almer,

Yesterday Frankie came up here and I took him up for a torpedo hop. He arrived here at about 7:15 and we sat around for a while. Then we went down to the line, where I had Harry Lohmiller take Frank, get him a parachute, radio, Max West, etc. He showed him ~~and~~ how to work all his equipment, so when I got out to the plane after getting our instructors, they were both ready to go. I had shown Frankie the cockpit and Harry had taken him all thru the run. The hop was an interesting one, although we saw some fairly poor runs and caught the blame from our instructor upon returning. The mistakes were tactical ones, so Frank wouldn't have known about them, but I still felt slightly embarrassed. I talked to Frank in the air the whole time and Harry let him sit in the turret as well as the belly so he was well familiar with the TBT by the end of the period. An additional feature was a big black thunderstorm

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which settled right over our field, so we had to stay aloft circling for 45 minutes, in formation of course. I really have never enjoyed a hop more. Frank was really enthusiastic and it was a real treat having him here. We ate lunch here at T.O.A. and then he left as I had classes. All the fellows in my flight commented on how nice he looked etc.!!!!

This rainy season sucks me. The brief cloudbursts always occur when we are supposed to have a hop it seems worst wedding.

Frank said Jack Mals and many more fellows in Pres' class were down at Miami at the Bath Club. No yet I haven't met Beth so I may go down Wednesday - though I don't know. It is quite a struggle. Our liberty has been clamped down on, so we can only go out certain nights. Our regular Thurs. and Wednesdays day still hold. Still have only seen Tim once - I hope Gary doesn't go blaming him for this.

Got a letter from Ace. He likes being and is going to look up Tave. Still give him a good time I know. I also got a note from Mr. Kennedy thanking me for my letter. He said he'd give Randy a ring. He is sure is a good fellow.



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Barbara wrote me about dinner with
you (General) and Wance. She is too good
to me, Wance, but still very smart
I might add.

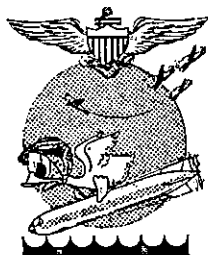
I hope all this weather won't delay
our departure from here. It may although
if we have completed instruments
and ^{Field} carrier landings nothing is supposed
to delay us. No use worrying yet.

We had a very interesting lecture
on sub-marines today. I sure hope I don't
get North Atlantic duty. That is
terrific in the winter - the weather is
unbelievable they say.

Dad mentioned that Gneff was
home. I wish I could have seen good
ole Gneff.

so long for now Monday
and love
PJP

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Monday

Dear Mum,

I got a nice ^{new} ~~new~~ letter from ^{Today} ~~Today~~ Pres. He sounded in good spirits - mentioned seeing the Admiral, the Padre (or is that a first name - I always thought Padre was some sort of minister or priest) etc. It was good fun getting his letter. You know how of all the things that seem far away or remote to me the times of fun with Pres seem furthest away. I guess maybe its because we've been together so little in the last 2 ~~last~~ years.

The weather of late has been very peculiar. Every few hours we have a terrific squall. The result is that we have lost a few flying hours. We have started our torpedo runs and bombing. All hopes we take with our crewmen.

I still have only a turret man. He is an Aviation Machinists Mate 3rd class,

he's a nice looking blond boy about 23 or 24 I'd say. He seems to have confidence in my flying which is an important factor if I'm going to get results out of him. Also he hasn't gotten seasick ~~to~~ so far - but then we

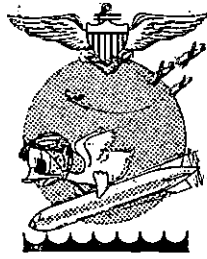
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haven't put them thru very much stuff.
I call him Harry and he calls me
Cush. They really are swell boys. We have
to tell them when to do everything but
that is because we're in command of
\$150,000 worth of airplane, and we're responsible
for the lives of all aboard.

Tomorrow we have an instrument
hop and one 2 hour torpedo & bombing
hop. On the latter we each take up
2 Annapolis men. The whole June
graduating class is turning different
air bases in Fla for 2 months before
going to sea. They are just learning
about & observing their air arm.

They are merely observers. You see
Annapolis men must have 2 yrs. at
sea before they can go into flying.

They are all nice boys and so far
I haven't noticed ~~and~~ any discrimination
against us at all. I guess their
ill feeling is more towards the 30 & 90
day wonders. Besides if they ever got
"wise" here we could take them on
one of these hops and "ring them
out" - a simple procedure, when you
are flying with an inexperienced man
and especially when they are in the
back of a TBF. A few violent
reverses & maneuvers and anyone who
has trouble keeping his head down.



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I think a couple of them ^{have}
gotten it, but not to their
any ill intent on the pilot's part.

I wrote Tame & Hubert Kennedy
about Ace - and I told Ace to be
sure to look Tame up - now it will only
do it. I should hear from him soon
again. I also got a letter from Tame
and she sounds just as full of fun.

He'll give Ace a good time alright.
Tell Mrs. Harrison to be sure Ace gives
her a ring as the way is well prepared
Tame is working in some Assessment office
in town, playing tennis etc.

I also got a letter from Mrs. Flato
and Red Day, not to mention Barb & Nave.
& you so it was a big day.

Tell Dad I received his letter
and will most certainly take his
advice on that bond investment etc.
I will handle all arrangements myself
when I hit town again.

Now it seems like yesterday that
I left and ~~that~~ already 3 out of
my 9 weeks are practically gone.
1/3 of the time. I get all excited inside
thinking about those marvelous 15 days.
I guess I'm a home bird. I love my
flying and ~~and~~ this nothing

I'd rather be doing, but with a leave-
my first at that and a real one too, only
6 weeks away - well its almost two
week. It is really pleasant. here and the
time is flying by - in fact Mum, I'm
very happy indeed. Whatever we do on
those 15 days is fine with me. Greenish
on Maine it doesn't matter. Of course
I'd love Maine, but if things don't work
out so Dad could get off on something,
~~the~~ Greenish will be ^{just} fine.

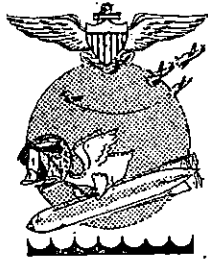
I haven't been out at all this
week, and yet I don't mind. Tim Wykes
is my roommate, Ed Farst, and I listen
to the radio a lot and I'm getting
my share of "sack time".

Today we had a big workout in
soccer. I'm refreshingly fagged right
now. we have 1-2 hours every day of
athletics. swimming 3 times a week;
basketball, soccer, volley ball, on obstacle
course the other days.

So long for now, Mum dear,

Much love,
Pop.

P.S. I wrote John to New London N. Hamp.
is that correct.



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July 8th
Thursday

Dear Mum,

Well it's another rainy day -
hott rain, hott clear. Never have I
seen such weather. We have had
some rain every day for about a week.
I fear this weather may cause our
leave to be delayed by about 2 weeks.
Maybe not. We haven't been getting
too many buns. Today, for example,
we got to our field where we were
to practice carrier landings and the
rains came - thus an incomplete
period. This carrier landing procedure
is far more complicated than you
would think - ~~the~~ so much so that
we do it first of all in SNT's and then
go into TBF's. I cannot elaborate
on the exact procedure but it is
quite a deal. You have to work with the
signal officer as he actually "brings
you aboard" as they say. Signal officers
are amazingly well trained and
they can estimate ^{your} speed within 1 or 2
knots, really ~~amazing~~ terrific. Her
carrier operations involve more than

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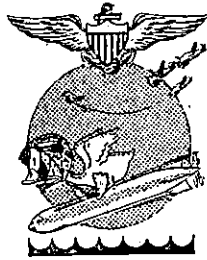
meets the eye, one more point in a way
gives advantage ~~over~~ compared to an
Army pilot.

Yesterday was my day off and I
spent it all day on the beach. I didn't
have the energy to go down to Miami.
The bus is a mean ordeal if you hit
it at a congested time.

They have clamped down on our
liberty. It was obvious that this was
too good a deal to last anyway.
Too many fellows were missing
flights etc. It won't matter to me
because I prefer the sack to a bar
anyway. As it is now we get
off Fri. evenings & Sun evenings till
10 and then we get Tuesday into
& all day Wednesday same as ever.
This isn't bad except you can't do
much if you do go in, if you have
to be aboard at 10.

I got a cute letter from T.V. It
seems that a fellow cadet of his is
interested in planes, so I sent him
a couple of pictures of Navy planes.

Then I am twins that those
flowers were 2 days late. I ordered them
a week ahead just to be sure. I
guess that little black box was



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clogging it. I called him up about this cause I didn't know whether you had gotten them - "Vell, I am working on a funeral, now - call back later" he says, I never bothered to call back.

It sure felt different flying a "J". I used to think it was heavy and fairly large, but today I was like flying a kite on something as flitty. I really prefer the TBF.

Got a letter from Bess and she was having Sue out for a day. She is definitely going to California.

I don't know whether Dad will have time or not but I am writing him a little letter about the societies at school.

Frankie House told me all about Stu's girl. I guess she's pretty cute. How senior is he, Mama.

I met a fairly attractive girl here - really not attractive, but she is O.K. She is a little older than I am.

2, about I guess. I don't mind
going out with her (I've been to the
movies with her once) because she makes
Barbara look awful thin.

I'm really thrilled over Pussay
and his work. That's so swell -
Did those pictures ever turn out -
I would love some recent snapshots
of any sort of you if you've got them.
Puss would, too, I know so how about
putting N.B. on snapping a little
and then snapping some of you, Dad, and
Nance -

Enclosed is a fairly good shot of
a TBF. Notice the paint job. They're
all like that. We have a flight
picture taken soon, also one with
our crew.

Off for now, Mummy

Mumbe Kary

Popp

June 28th



Monday evening.

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FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA

Dear Mum,

Let's see what news have I to tell - not much to be truthful. I have hardly been off the base, except for swimming, at all. This afternoon we were scheduled for 2 flights, but they were both cancelled so we got secured. I went in town just to get some stuff. I bought a cheap radio so now I have Fred every night. I just have no time to step out in the evening. I have gone in with Jim Wykes several times, but there is little to do and I like my sleep. We also have movies on the base. Tonight there is a U.S.O. show. The flying is going along O.K.

All of a sudden the enormity of our job has struck me - i.e. if we want to do it at all with. During training it was easy to say "Yes a Navy Pilot has a big job", but suddenly, from being down here ~~now~~ at this operational base I see what a job we do have. In the

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First place the TBF itself is a complicated machine. To do our job - and to ~~be~~ grow old also - we must know this plane. I haven't yet begun to learn, it seems. There are so many important things. Then comes the missions of torpedo squadron pilots. ① Launching a torpedo attack - in itself a big job, as even the latest ensign plays a vital role in the attack is to be properly carried out - I can't go into details but it is a job, you see there are various attacks and there are two situations are the same. ② glide-bombing & skip bombing ③ anti-sub bombing - both types of bombing require a comprehension of the theory (wind, speed, angles etc) of bombing. ④ patrol - ^{you} must understand your navigation so well for this. ⑤ Fly the plane - landing etc carries concerning fuel - so many problems. Every lecture we get makes me realize how little I know. If all we had to do was sit up there and fly along it would be a pipe. I don't know why I suddenly burst out feeling so sorry for



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myself.

From here I told you we go to our squadron. Well I'll try to make that a bit more definite. As it is now (I say this because you know how things change in the Navy) we go to San Diego, Oklahoma, or Norfolk. There we get our assignment.

Some guys get convoy duty, flying either land based or from an escort carrier. This would be good experience and you would have action - usually against subs and sometimes aircraft. Or we'll get patrol duty - the EWR for me -

Or we'll get a combat zone on a carrier in a VTB (Torpedo) squadron.

The chances are, I will probably get the latter. I really hope I do get that to be perfectly honest. The sooner I go out the sooner I'll be back. Also from talking to instructors here, all of whom have returned from the fleet - you have not really lived

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as a naive aviation artist you have
been to the Fleet. The time at our
base would be easy. Some go out
in 2 weeks, some in 2 or 3 months.
What you do is get a complete
squadron. We of course will be
the real neophytes - our shipper and
division leaders as well as some others
will all have had experience. You
never go out with 18 green
men.

Off to the U.S.O. show - back in a
while -

Tuesday noon.
Just finished morning lesson and
studies. This afternoon I have an
instrument hop and an altitude
flight.

Barbara seems to like her
job, but Rosey got fired for being
too young, so now she is alone
with a group of fat Italian women.
She works from 7 to 3.30 sometimes
4.30. She says she's going to stop
Aug. 20 or, if I get home sooner,
before then thank heavens.

This is a fairly heavy letter, but
I'll write soon again and do better.
Much love,
Pop



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June 21
Monday

Dear Mum, I got your first letter today and I must say it was most welcome.

Two days ago I took my first hop in the TBF on as some call it, 'The

Flying Freight Car.' There are no dual controls so we just had to get in and fly away solo. The ship is so big that you are perched way off the ground.

Also it has a real powerful engine which makes a terrific roar on take off. There are so many new things to remember on a large ship like this. It is real heavy on the controls and takes a lot more work to fly than on a SNV. It can really move along if you want it to. It lands nicely. I was a bit worried when I first landed, and I didn't live off soon enough, because I was so used to being close to the ground as in an SNV. The plane hit on its wheels and bounced. I came in fast, cause that's safer; but I was too fast. After a couple of more tries I began to get a little better. I have about 5 hours

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so far. we get a couple of more
familiarization hops and then we go to

section, diversion, and squadron tactics.

The ship is fully equipped with the latest
services. There is so much to learn here.
We have lectures every day on

Navis, Torpedoes, bombings, sights,
etc. This part is very interesting and
as you can well imagine, most
worthwhile. We also have athletics every
day so we are kept busy.

Today ~~happens~~ happens to be my
layoff. Terry came over Friday, looking
very well. I am going to call him up
soon again. When I will get over
to Miami (1 hr. by bus) I don't
know.

It is hot as blazes here. The
swimming is clear but too warm really.

The box with laundry arrived today
thanks.

Now if any of those pictures are
any good will you get 3 or 4 small
ones and send them to me please.

Also please send one to Barbara

Terry said he's going to go
up with me some day, so I better
practice up with that big ship.

Is it even heavy - now!



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I'm so glad Dad got his few days of rest. By now he's probably back again - also Warden.

Several of us are going to rent a boat and do a little fishing one of these days. They say it's excellent here.

The food is excellent here, Mum. Large glasses of orange juice twice a day. Milk at all 3 meals - ice tea usually at lunch too.

There are certainly some lovely homes here. The town itself is nothing spectacular but all around outside there are canals, all shaded with trees.

I think I'll go into the beach this afternoon.

I don't know any ~~one~~ of the fellows in our flight at all well. The one guy I do know, Tim Wykes, is in another group. I don't mind however, as it's good fun being independent. In the evenings Tim and

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I go in town for a show on else stay
here. There are some movies here
a few days away

I showed Timmy all though the
TBF and he seemed impressed. It is
an amazing place then-

Not much else for now, old
foxy eyes. You sure know how to
make your children feel good.

With love



'Monkey Jungle,' 22 Miles South of Miami, Florida. 341



First wild monkey colony in U. S. A. Imported from Malay, liberated into a natural jungle hammock near Goulds, Florida, in 1933, these monkeys have multiplied until now three-fourths of them are native born.

Dear Papa -

If it is still OK
you to take a passing
for a hop, all Miami
Beach 5-9858 (my hotel)

Friday night as soon
as you have found
out the time of your
takeoff for Sat. morning,
and leave the message
telling me the time of
said takeoff. Might be
able to get up then.

Best of luck - Frank

P.F.C. Frank House

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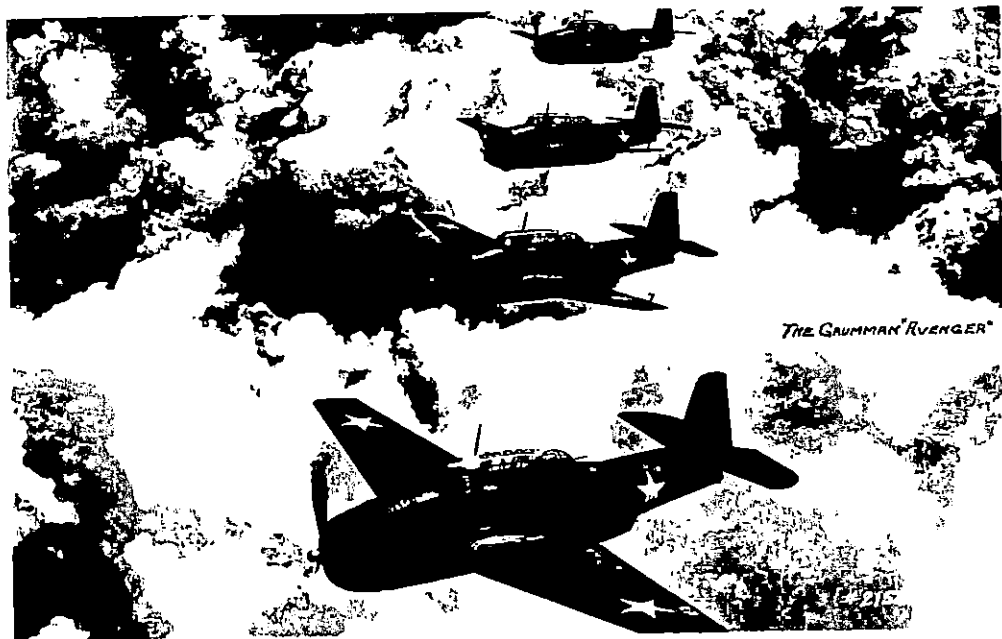
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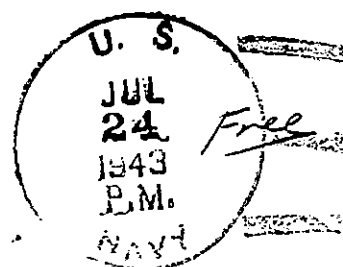
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N.A.S.
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Saturday

Dear Mr. D.

Here is a pretty
good shot
of our plane.

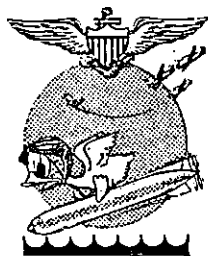
This is a right
echelon that they are
flying in. Timmy is
taking me out to dinner
tonight. Love, P.S.



Mr. & Mrs. P. S. BUSH

GROVE Lane

~~GREENWICH~~
GREENWICH,
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June 25
Thursday.

Dear Mum,

I feel quite sad that you didn't get a letter from me by Sunday, but I hope that my previous ones have gotten there now.

Very little of interest has happened since I last wrote. We have had 2 days off. Monday & yesterday. They changed the schedule Tuesday, and it so happened that we got Wednesday as our first day under the new schedule.

Monday I slept all morning and then that afternoon I was going to go to the beach, but I got a ride with a Navy truck to Miami, so down I went. I was all set to call up Betty Lou, but I was such a mess I thought better of it. I did call Timmy to tell him I couldn't see him Tuesday. I wasn't wearing my blouse so I had to be back at six. It took an hour by bus.

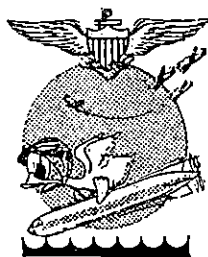
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Two day we show and had a lecture
show a link hop. They have quite a
good instrument syllabus here.
They even teach "evasive tactics" on
instruments. we have both link &
plane hops.

Yesterday AM I slept till
lunch, too. Then I went into the
beach with Betty Boyle and her
Westover sister, Mary. The
beach was hot so blazing but nice.
We just stayed in the water
the whole time. Went back to their
house for a glass of beer, and then
back here for dinner. Last night
Tim and I just wrote letters and
looked around here. This morning
we were scheduled to fly, but
we didn't get planes so we
sat all morning. At 1130 there was
a short memorial service for
a fellow named Smythe and his 2
crewmen. They got killed Tuesday.
The minister gave a very poor talk.
it was maddening in fact.

Now, here I am, that is all the
news. With each up I feel more at
home in the plane. The crew here is

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in my opinion, an excellent one,
especially a little later on,
when we start dropping live
actual bombs and torpedoes (with
dummy bombs filled with water)
The torpedo dropping is really
a science. You should see what we
have to do. They have about 4
banks of torpedo directors (look like
bank sights etc) Yes it's quite
a science.

Please send me John's
address at Waller as a couple
of letters may keep him
"on the ball". Tell him I still
haven't forgotten his birthday.
In fact that I should be so good
as on the way as soon as I get
his Waller address. Also tell him
I have a few neat numbers on the
line over at Winona - when, when!!

The laundry here is really expensive
so I have one of the colored maids
here handle my work. She is excellent.

~~The~~ This afternoon I would like to
teach it, but we have some lectures.

That Maine water on Greenwich (Fletcher)
 whichever will feel travelers after here.
 I'll probably be scared to go in.
 Banks wrote me about her
 job. I sure hope they bring her
 here in.

When did Daddy ever get
 that war bond I sent from
 Coysus. You never said - I'm
 worried about it almost as much
 as about Galt's links! Also
 please ask Dad what he thinks
 I should do.

1. put my money in any
 checking account.

2. put it in a savings
 acct. which I don't have now.

3. buy bonds.

4. invest it - on what?

I am going to have any
 \$150 to ~~and~~ put away
 every month.

When we leave here they advise
 us to make an allotment rather than
 take all our money each pay day at
sea. ~~that~~ to the Cubes you
 must have to the much you
for

New London, N.H.

July 12, 1943

Dear Sir,

I thank you ever so much for the airplane pictures
you sent me and I think it was swell of you to do
this for me.

I am thirteen years old and am very much
interested in aviation. The pictures are the best I
have ever seen of U.S. planes.

John tells me you are flying a TBF-1
and that you think it is swell.

I don't know exactly what to say so, after
thanking you again I'll just sign off

Yours truly

G. C. Hitchley Jr.

Ruxton

Baltimore-4
Md.

Dear Dad, Thought this might interest you. John
called me to send one of his friends some picture
so. I did — seems like a pretty thoughtful fellow
for 13 yrs. old. Things we are swell as you
undoubtedly gathered from my letter, but
I anxiously am awaiting
from
Love
GCH

Dear Mum,

Well this life is getting me down. For the last 4 days we have done no flying because of mechanical difficulties and bad weather. I could so easily have been home. I don't know how much longer will be here. Today is a miserable one so there is no flying.

Yesterday afternoon we went into Norfolk and saw a High School Football game. It wasn't bad at all, and I got a real kick out of the spirit of the high-school crowd. They had the time of their lives. Girl cheerleaders, having no conception of the fact that they looked ridiculous, went thru such vigorous cheers. It was really a pleasant afternoon.

When I returned to the base there was a note here from Son Chant. He is here awaiting a presentation to Africa, ~~which~~ he expects to have any day. I immediately called him back and we went for dinner & the movie over at N.O.B. c. the Naval Operating Base - a separate unit from the Air Station. We had a good long talk and a grand time. His girl is in New Haven still, so he calls ^{me} up all the time. And they write me the news. Today soon she is coming over here and we're going to look over some planes or something. There really is so little to do, perhaps will go to a movie on the base if we can scare one up.

I called her up last night, but had to wait till this AM to actually speak to her. It is so cheap to call from here that I'll have to do it whenever she is home. Also you Mum. I don't spend money at all here - so that is not too extravagant.

Mrs. Chant is going down to Charlottesville soon to be with his parents.

Don Santora, a fellow I met here, just came in to say goodbye - He's off again to Trinidad - He's been wounded once in a fight with a sub. They sure come and go around here.

No sign of the lynches yet.

My letters are so sad. There is so little of interest here that I can tell you. So much goes on but it's all hush! hush!

Paul sure must be busy. Please send me any war tunnel clippings that you may see. I have no access to any N.Y. Paper. Really something about W.R.'s appointment

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route - job

Sorry Tom was - I'm really anxious to hear all about your USO job. Tell John to write me about the team, season etc

Did you see where Ken Kenneth is playing 1st team fullback for Princeton?

So much love to all, Pop