UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES

Tuesday evening
July 18, 1944

Dear Shirley,

After flying period today I went to the postoffice and received your wonderful exhaustive letter of the fourteenth and Dad's of the sixteenth. I then proceeded to the mess hall to eat and to read.

I am glad you like your job so much. If you remain in Wilmington to study music under Mr. Wyatt in the fall it should be a position worth continuing. But I wonder if the influence of other teachers and new friends at college might not be more desirable.

It was too bad that Ginger had to lose so many of her family. I bet the remaining two pups are cute.
Do they look like ginger?
What have you named them?
Have you had them registered?
What will you do with them?
I certainly was shocked
to read of the severe penalty
meted out to Dorman. I hope
that he can be reinstated,
for the fight that he has
should be encouraged and
I can't think of anyone with
more of a love for the game
more of a knowledge of the
game or more qualified and
desirous to teach the game
to young players. With the
possible exceptions of Charley
Berry and Ty Perkins nobody
rates as high in my opinion
as a baseball manager as
does "Dutchy" Dorman. He has
the same qualities that made
me like Coach Letrone and
Coach Kahler so much by the
way. (Dad wrote that he was
enclosing a letter on the Dorman
case which he had written to
"Judge" Bramham. He didn t.
I just finished writing to Dick Rhoads. He is also stationed at Gulfport and I am looking forward to seeing him once in a while. Did you getudy White s address when you talked to him; has anyone been able to find J. Brights? I received a very nice letter from Mr. Doughtin yesterday.
Yesterday was my official day off so I logged a lot of sick time; we meet a schedule seven days and then have the eighth day off. Today I was back at the old grind again; I was on the flight line from 7:30 till 19:30. From now on we will alternate a day of
flying and a day of ground school. Since all except surprise spot checks have been passed the pressure seems lighter but it will stiffen for they now will be set on increasing our endurance and smoothness. The other day when I was up for my first solo ride here and for the first time with my whole crew my number three engine went out on me and I had to make an emergency landing. It had me sweating but I brought the ship in three point and I think that the extra effort was worth it for now the crew has confidence in me. I am afraid that I will have to get rid of Roman Marcalacean, tail gunner and assistant armorer on my crew, because of a decidedly poor attitude. Everything else is fine.
If I don't watch out I'll become as long-winded as you - so I had better close now. Besides, the bugs are biting.

Love,

Lee