Dear Mother,

It was good to talk to you Friday evening even though it was long distance. I am sorry that so much confusion occurred in calling you but it had intended to get a call through to you and another through to Julia about seven Wilmington time so that I could beat the evening rush and get some sleep before flying at three in the morning.

Present plans call for me to ship out of Belfort for Hunter Field, Savannah, Georgia, on September 23, 1944, for final staging and post of embarkation. It should only be less than a week after that before I am flying overseas to combat. Seventeen crews are leaving here on the twenty-third, including ten of the eleven pilot volunteers for the 3rd Air Force from Roswell Army Air Field. Of course we don't know where exactly we will go from Savannah
and from the time we leave
Dhofar until we reach our
destination we will be under
secret orders so there may be
a period of a couple of weeks
during which you will not hear
from me and during which P
will have no permanent address.
But P will write just as soon
as P can Please don't worry
about me.

Enclosed is a money order
for $100.00 for my account. I think
that P have been saving rather
well recently but P will not
send any money home this
month for P must purchase
some new equipment (G.I. shoes,
raincoat, O.D. suit, white gloves,
leggins, etc.) for overseas and
keep a bit on hand for any
emergency. I think that P will
increase my allotment checks
as the quickest, easiest, cheapest
and most dependable way to
send money home from overseas.
P wish that you would send
me a statement every once in a
while of how P stand financially,
savings account, bonds, etc.
Sometime this week P
will ship home a package—
letters, photos, manuals, clothing,
trunks, etc. I wish that you
would file the letters and
manuals in my already over-
stuffed room. I will try to
buy occasional souvenirs to
send you from overseas but
please don't expect me to receive
Christmas on the dot.

Don't forget to write me
on V-Mail—a couple of sheets
at a time. Clippings are probably
against the rule so you will
have to write news of others
in service, Wilmington, Blue Bombers,
sports, marriages, etc. I won't be
allowed to write in much
detail, but P would like to
give you a rough idea of where
P will be—the first letter of the
first paragraph of my first three
letters will be the first letter of
the country in which P am based.
First letter of closing sentence will
stand for North, South, East or West.
The rest you will have to figure
out.

P wish that you would
keep in touch with Julia.
I think that she is tops, and someday maybe I will ask her to be my wife.

More latter.

Love,

Lee

P.S. Send any 620 film you can get.