Sunday afternoon
October 10, 1943

Dear Shirley,

I just finished listening to
the Yankees beat the Cards by 2 to 1
in the fourth game of the World Series.
It looks as if the Yankees will revenge
last year. From all reports Crofty
really went to town against Michigan
yesterday. The Notre Dame-Army game
with two great T formations ought to
be tops this year. Do you get to see
any sports in Williamsport?

I think that I will have my
roughest check this week— the Army
Forty Hour Progress Check. I hope my
luck holds out. I'll have a lot to
practice in preparation for now
have acrobatics—loops and slow and
snap rolls. Too much precision is
not expected but I must know the
flow of it in preparation for future
training. A favorite trick of check
pilots is to call a forced landing
when you are on your back in a
slow roll. I am using a new pen
for this letter because my old one
fell from my pocket during a look.
Last week we concentrated on accuracy landings. We had to make five solo landings for grading of 90° stage, 180° stage and 90° power stage.

- **90° stage**: cut power and start glide at X. Land between O (stage house) and fence.
- **180° stage**: same as 90° stage except for a longer glide.
- **240° stage**: same pattern as 90° stage except that X is a mile instead of ½ mile out and partial power is used to land between hurdles at Z and the stage house.

Traffic pattern to right for left when not shooting stages for shifting wind patterns shift so that you land and take off into the wind.

I wish you would exchange my letters with home and visa versa unless we are discussing something personal. That way I hope to send more news.

I had a letter from Daisy and Julie today.

I hope my biology helps you out. Don't let the volume frighten you. From your description you have a very nice setup.

Love,

Lee