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Monday evening

April 10, 1944

Dear Mother,

Our transition training in Flying Forts is behind schedule. I have only flown nine hours so far because of the everlasting high wind and blowing dust. Tomorrow I am scheduled to begin instrument flying, fifty hours of complete check on rate instruments, radio range instruments and radio compass instruments.

Bernice's letter with the furlough pictures arrived Saturday afternoon. I thought that the pictures turned out very well. Your candy package arrived Saturday too. The room enjoyed it very much. Thank you.

How is Mrs. Lake? I wish that I could see her but in my absence I hope you will give her my regards. I would certainly like to spend a weekend in New Hampshire again.

This isn't much of a letter because there isn't much news. Could you locate J. Bright's (Satterwaite) or Bill Hyde's addresses for me? How are the Phillies developing? When do the Blue Rocks open practice? When does the Ferris Spring Festival occur this year? Did you receive literature from Carlsbad; a \$13.40 check; \$50.00 cash? As I estimate it, airmail from Roswell

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to Wilmington takes four days. Check the time on this regular letter to see if it is any slower. I will be on the lookout for the clothes - miscellaneous package. Dad might like to know that Howell Wilkins told me that Chris Humer's refusal of money for necessary repairs to the Theta Chi furnace caused the shutting of the house. I know that the furnace was giving trouble all during my Dickinson days. No clippings have come through lately. When do Shirley and Bernice finish school this year? What are they going to do this summer? If you can buy some good Air Forces stationery I wish you would. The only writing paper here is the free Officers Club material. How is the spring gardening progressing? How is Ginger?

Love,

Lee