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Friday evening

July 20, 1945

Dear Mother,

Greetings and salutations for the last time from Rattlesden. Sunday fifty four pilots, co-pilots and bombardiers are shipping from this airbase to the 70th Re-deployment Depot at Chorley. (seven navigators are leaving Saturday). After a day of processing we will sweat for at least ten days probably, until we board a boat for the U.S.A. Then --

I had a big last pass in England early this week. I hope that someday the rest of the family can see England - London, Liverpool, Cambridge, Oxford, Brighton, Edinburgh, Scotland, Wales. This is a great little country.

Plays seen while on pass: The Cure For Love (very good, Robert Donat is great as lead and director of this fast Lancashire comedy); The Skin of Our Teeth (good; very modern Thornton Wilder comic history of the world; Vivian Leigh is great); Dear Ruth (very good;

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army production of current Broadway hit).

Movies seen lately: Salome, Where She Danced (surprisingly good entertainment); Diamond Horseshoe (good Betty Grable musical); The Doughgirls (good comedy; Carson, Sheridan, Wyman, Smith).

The last letter received from you was written July fourteenth. I suppose it will be the last I receive for a while but maybe I will be home before too long.

Love,

Lee