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Dear Falke,

"Mama," In reply to your letters post marked Sept 26 - 28 - and 30. If you haven't gotten a letter from me, something is the matter because I have ^{written} two since the "Spring Fines in the Rockies" one. I sent them Fines and not by air mail, so maybe something happened to them. I also sent you a copy of Pre-Flight magazine Class 44 D. I have also written Jack Cameron a letter in the meantime so don't think that I have been dreadfully overworked or that I have been mistreating you. The only thing that was important in little one of the letters was for you to tell Ruth & Dub "good luck" for me because I wouldn't have time to write and that I, and ~~and~~ a tooth have parted Company. It

was an upper left, first one behind my eye
tooth. I am telling you this ~~is~~ again, just in case
you haven't received my letters as yet. If you
never do get them on the magazine jump on the
postman because your son has been writing
every once in a while.

Now for "what's new". I am getting
open post tonight for the first time in about
6 weeks. In your last letter you said "I hope
you are making everything fine and are too busy
to get into "devilment" and I am of the opinion you
are doing that very thing." unquote. That is a mis-
leading statement. I don't know whether you mean
you were of the opinion that I was too busy to
get into devilment, or whether you were of the
opinion that I was getting into devilment. Any
how up to now the former has been the truth but
to night the latter might be. There is no telling
what I'll do upon being liberated for the first
time in 6 weeks. Carl and I are going to take care of
each other so don't worry too much, we'll behave.

Today, I am an upper-classman. All of the class
of 44D are gone off to Primary so my class of 44E are
the old boys now and the new class of 44F are the underclassmen.



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Its an unending cycle until the job is finally done.

My new classes will consist of Naval Identification in place of aircraft identification. Physics in place of math. Those are the two major changes but they help meaning in better new minor courses on us all ^{of the time} as they complete other little minor courses. The little minor courses that I speak of are such things as Chemical Warfare, ground forces, maps and charts, First Aid, Safeguarding military information, War Department Publications, Military Sanitation, Camouflaging, etc. As to what I have accomplished, fine, the spectacular things consist of my being able to identify any British or American plane from any angle at a $\frac{1}{25}$ of a second flash and my being able to take code at the rate of 6 words per minute. This will be increased to 11 W.P.M. during the next month. I have also learned how to plot a course for an airplane from anywhere to anywhere. All I need is a chart, a protractor, and ~~an~~ an estimated wind speed and direction. Of course this navigation stuff is an

hand to master as being a pilot, but I could
make out in a tight. I could get approximately
where I was going if the occasion demanded it. I've
learned a million other things too but these are the most
outstanding.

This will be all for this time as classes are
about to start. If you don't get this one I'm just
going to stop writing.

All my love that you didn't get in the
other letters.

Y/C Hays, J. W.

P. S. I have just found the magazine
that I was bragging about. I forgot to mail it. I have
looked for the letters but can't find them. I do think
I mailed them.

Love again,

J.W.