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Dear Folks,

I haven't been to the mail room as yet this morning but up until yesterday I still didn't have any chocolate cake. I guess I must be hungry, thinking of chocolate cake this time of day. I didn't eat breakfast this morning because I didn't have any duties ~~scheduled~~ scheduled so I slept late and now will have to wait for dinner before I can feed my face. Of course I could put on my clothes and walk across the street to the officers club or down the street a block to the P. N. but you know how it is sometime when you don't just have to do something.

I expect that I had better continue and finish this letter because I may not have any more time off for quite a while. Maybe I shouldn't have said that be-

came out of duty 4 or 5 days we can
always count on 12 or 14 hours for free
time, and all at once too. Some of the
boys feel that we earn the time off
because when we get it we have ~~usually~~ usually
just completed 48 hrs. with a minimum
of slumber. Such was not the case this
time but it was just a hell between
two days of flying. I flew yesterday
morning and will fly again this afternoon
and night. I have to say afternoon and
night, kind of like cereal and fruit, because
flying is an all day affair. The minimum
of 6 1/2 hrs that we spend in the air just
starts it because there are about 5 other
hours spent in preparation and in duties
after landing.

I haven't met all my crew as yet
but those I do know, the pilot, navigator,
bombardier, engineer, and radio man seem to
be pretty good boys. I'll tell you all

about them sometime when I get to know
them better.

This is the month that there won't be
any bond sent by the government so I
am sending the money with which to purchase
it, a \$37.50 one and a \$75.00 one. I
accidentally had the money order made out
for \$25 too much so Papa, you can have
that as a tip if you'll cash it for me and
buy the bonds.

Maybe you had better spend some of
the money to buy a big paste board box,
rope, string, paper and stamps because
I am going to soon need my winter clothes.
It is still hot here in the daytime but the
nights are getting rather ~~chilly~~ cool.

I had better quit now, dress, make up
my bed, and go eat and prepare for
flying. I won't hold this letter as long
without mailing it as I did the last one.

Love,
Joe