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TUCSON, ARIZONA

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Dear Folks,

If you don't mind getting a letter written on Sunday morning I'll see what I can do about writing it. I'm writing now because this is about ~~my~~<sup>the</sup> only time that I can expect to have time to write for quite a spell. Section I is shipping out to-morrow as I've told you before. That leaves two sections here when there is, "work a plenty" for three sections. So we can expect to be overworked and under paid until the new Section I gets in from ~~the~~ Lincoln. Besides that, we go up to 20,000 ft. every time we fly now and stay there for 4½ to 5 hours. It is so cold that coffee freezes in the thermos bottle

if we don't drink it immediately after take  
off. Just in case you wondering just how cold  
it is I'll tell you. Last night the temp. was  
down to a  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ . I don't know exactly  
how cold that is in Fahrenheit but I'll guaran-  
tee you that it is rather chilly. The temperature  
and the altitude go together to make one quite  
wary believe you me. I'm going to see if I can  
shake ~~out~~ a few of the kinks by going horse  
back riding this afternoon. It took me long enough  
to get it told but that is why I am writing  
this morning instead of this afternoon or to-  
night.

I think we are going to have Thanksgiving off  
which suits me just fine. If we don't fly  
or have ground school Tommy, my navigator,  
Johnny, my first pilot, and I, are going to eat  
at Bob's, my bombardier's, house. Bob is  
married, newly wed at that, but he ~~is~~ and his  
wife want us out so far he it Tom us to refuse.  
I already had one invite to eat at Jan's house  
~~that~~ so I <sup>shot</sup> a long lie about loyalty to my  
crew and got out of it. Jan is Don's sister and  
Don is Cecil's husband. Cecil and Don have



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gone to Texas on business and they won't be  
back by Thanksgiving anyway. Don't night but  
Cecil is going to stay until Dec. 15.

I guess that about takes care of the news  
so I'll leave Papa out.

The problem is: make this equation a  
true equation by moving one match.

$$IV - III = VII$$

The solution is:

$$IV - III = VI$$

Move the match that  
was level, up to be  
and make  $4 - 3 = VI$

Ruth, you write Dick and tell him he is  
a "brown nose" for getting that instructors job.

Gotta get dressed now so I'll quit.

Love,  
Joe