



F/O Joseph W. Hays

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Dear Folks,

Look Ruth, all of your stationery wasn't ruined. In fact a good bit of it is in pretty good shape. You ought to see some of the first few sheets in the box. They look like they came out of a concrete mixer.

That F/O at the top of this reminds me, my recommendation for promotion came through from Tucson last week. Sqd. operations called me and said for me ~~to~~ to come down and sign some papers and my blue bar would turn to gold. When I got down there the sgt. said that he had just checked the papers and they were out of date. I threatened to stomp my feet and scream but to no avail. They said they were sorry but I would have to go through the whole thing again. I've started and now it should take about another month. This army! One cheerful note. I took my 64 today in case you've forgotten that is a physical exam, and I passed it like no

body's business. This is the first time my blood pressure has been perfect. My depth perception was perfect and Schneider was also very good. I have never flunked or even come close to flunking a 64 but I always had a little trouble with those three items. Combat must be agreeing with me. Any body that believes that is crazy. One thing, it doesn't keep me from being sleepy.

Oh, I almost forgot, I've got a 5 day pass coming up the 24th. I might have already told you but I don't think so.

I'll write before I go.

all my love,

Joe