



F/O Joseph W. Hays

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Dear Folke,

I been sick! Too much play, and not enough work made Joe a weak boy. I couldn't take it when I came back from pass so I got sick for a day and had the Dr. ground me. I had the sniffer, a sore throat, and one degree of temperature but I'm fit as a fiddle now. Right now I'm sitting out in the nice sun absorbing some of it. There is a ~~the~~ ball game going on now but I'll wait until to-morrow before I exert myself. I told the boys my mother would whip me if she caught me playing ball the day after I had been sick.

We were just told that our censorship regulations had not been relaxed. If that last letter I wrote got through don't go spreading any of it around. If it didn't, and I hope it didn't, there wasn't anything so important that won't wait awhile. As far my coming home, there is nothing new, and there won't be, until you ~~hear~~ hear the phone ring with the voice on the



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others end saying its me, or until you get a wire from somewhere else saying I'm not coming home for awhile.

I drew a blank on the mail yesterday but got four to-day. One from Amy, and Ruth, and two from Mama. I got a package day before yesterday with the can of fudge in it. What there was of it was fresh and very good. My peanuts and Graham crackers ought to be here soon. Ruth, for your question about Tom, Yes, he is a 2nd now. He got it about a week after I did. John and Bob are 1st's, the R. I., and Eng. are 7/Syts., and the rest of the gunners are 5/Syts. If their group stays over here for a while longer Tom and I will make 1st but if it doesn't we won't. It doesn't make any difference except that if I go home a 2nd and then come over here again as a 2nd I'll lose my right to get 20% over pay. If I get 1st I'll make about the same money I'm making now. All of which doesn't



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matter just a whole lot to me. My
permanent rank still and ~~also~~ always will
begin with a C, and I don't mean Col. or
Capt., or Cpl. I mean civilian.

It's time to go eat supper so I'll
bring this to a halt for this time.

all my love,

Joe