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Dear Folks,

It has happened.

No, I haven't washed out, nothing so trivial as that. We were informed the other day that due to the instantaneous need for pilots, most of us wouldn't get furloughs upon graduation. It may seem that I put that awfully blunt ~~and~~ to the point but that is just the way that they gave it to us. I intended to tell you yesterday morning when I called but somehow I just couldn't get around to it. Maybe I could have been more tactful then. You had to know sometime and now you do so that is that.

The Colonel that brought us these glad tidings emphasized that "most of us wouldn't get furloughs," so I am still ~~of~~ hoping and praying

that I will be among the few that do get them.  
You hope and pray too, it might help a little bit.  
The tough part of it is, that we won't know until  
the 27<sup>th</sup>, when we get our orders. I'll write or  
call as soon as I find out so don't give up  
hope until you hear, one way or the other. Oh  
yes, I do still have my 50-3 to pass too.

The only other news is that my squadron  
is going on a 24 hr. bivouac tomorrow. Something  
that some other fool thought up. We are behind  
in our flying but we can still take a day off  
to go sleep on the ground and dig slit ~~in~~ trenches.

I'll write again when I am not so  
bitter.

Love,

JOE  
JH