

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1943

Dear Bob,

Perhaps you are wondering why I have not answered your letter of August 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to my change in stations etc. my mail is just catching up with me. I received 3 letters today (one of them yours) that were three weeks late. Thanks for the post card and I got a kick out of the clippings.

So far I've been kept quite busy here but the work is interesting. We have three phases of operational training to go through before we go to combat and I'm in my 3<sup>rd</sup> phase now. We spend our time in ground school studying intelligence, tactics etc. Our flying time (I fly about 6 hrs a day) in high altitude formation & bombing, gunnery - air to air & air to ground, cross country trips, and instrument flying. We get a few real long cross country missions that will include bombing & gunnery also. I think I'm going on one next week from here to Louisiana, out over the Gulf

of Mexico, over to Florida and then  
back here. We will leave one day and  
get back the next.

I got a letter from Dick today  
and he seems to be doing O.K. but he  
worries about washing out just as I did.  
He has about 3 weeks to go before he  
goes to advanced school. He is starting  
his instrument, cross country, and  
formation flying, now as well as  
night flying.

I don't know just when I'll be  
leaving for combat ~~or~~ or where I'll go  
but I think it will be to the  
European theater. We will fly our  
own ships over.

So long for now  
George