

September 2nd, 1943

Dear Bob,

Perhaps you are wondering why I have not answered your letter of August 9th. 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 3rd 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