

Sept. 17, 1943
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Dear Folks:

I am really too tired to write but since the beds are outdoors airing, I can't lay down. Maybe this will rest me anyway. From 11:00 AM yesterday to 11:00 AM today I was on guard duty. We worked in shifts with 2 hrs. on duty and 4 hrs. off. But 2 hrs steady walking does not compare with four hours of very broken rest. During the daytime my post had a stop sign on it at which every car was supposed to stop. Since it was my duty to stop everyone, I had the privilege (if you want to call it that) of calling down a captain and a whole handful of lieutenant-^{and they had to take it too.} enants. I am supposed to get this afternoon off, but they might think up something else for me to do.

I got my first shot and my uniform Wednesday. My uniform and equipment consist of: 2 summer suits (shirts and pants) 2 winter suits, a fatigue (dirty-work) suit, 2 prs. shoes, 6 prs. socks, 2 ties, a raincoat, a winter dress coat, an overcoat, gloves, leggings, 2 prs winter underwear, 3 prs summer underwear, 4 handkerchiefs, 2 towels, toothbrush, razor, canteen, mess kit, and summer and winter overseas caps.

Yesterday I was sent to see the flight doctor to become a pilot. To do this a certain grade had to be made on the qualification tests. But when I got there I was one of a group which wasn't even examined. I suppose they saw on my card what kind of eyes I have.

I will not need my shaving brush since I was issued one.

We have been told to tell our folks that in case of emergency in which you need to get in touch with me quickly, you should see the local Red Cross Chapter.

I do not know as yet how long I will be here or what I will be assigned to. If I am sent out, any letters that come here for me will be forwarded.

Love
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