



UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES

June 15, 44

My Darling -

Hells my favorite Rebel - I heard from you today, your letter was dated May 22, guess it must have come by Pony Express. Be as it may if it was a year late I'd still wear off the ink reading it! My one a week promise has dwindled off I know but taint my idea. The day is really jelled up here and I'm lucky if I get ten minutes to go to the 'C' - s' truth. However whenever I possibly have time of any kind I'll be reserved for you - after all Rebel, your spell life and promise to me and things like that are what keeps the preachers and census takers busy - god bless em - Birds, bees, and flowers and all that sort of thing.

And so I'm flying twin engines here. I soloed out in them two weeks ago. The road is plenty rough and during the three weeks we've been here, a fourth of my squadron have been reused. All I can do is keep the skin worn off my prayer bones and hope for the best. Darling - if I do get the sack I hope you won't be too disappointed as I would be G.I. again. The great rush for pilots is 'passé, however I'm still around at the present. I've been worrying and wondering where and how you are, been wondering if you are still where



you were - or otherwise. Whatever the set-up is,  
well, I'm saying the first prayers I've said in years  
- I'd much rather have you here with me, and  
being where I could see you on week-ends. I'm  
willing to wait and in the meantime there hadn't  
better be a disarranged hair on your lovely head  
- damn it all, it's no place for my gal - so  
remember that and our own "down the aisle" that's  
going to take place someday!

And so I'll tell you again, again, and again -  
brunettes are my special weakness, red-heads are  
for some other guy, and blondes too. I'm concerned  
about brunettes - one in particular - However I'd  
better keep Jennie on my side! With someone  
at both ends maybe I could afford to be a  
little smug about certain things - I know I've got  
something to be smug about! - and just remember,  
if any cave-man stuff is pulled it's gonna be  
me who does it! I'm very good at that sort of  
thing - period - or didn't you know?

I'll get by is first on my hit parade with  
the music stopped, and long ago and far away, near  
the top too - Any song that gives me the excuse  
to think about you is bound to be a favorite with  
me, and I do mean you! - If you would like to  
wait awhile for the ring it's okay with me, in fact  
I like the idea because I want to get one that  
is especially nice, I only wish I still had the  
other one - this one will be even nicer, I  
promise.

The snap I enclosed taint very good but it's



the only one I have. We can take snaps here and if I ever find any film I'll have some taken of my ship and me - and my hot pilot suit! - I phare would like some of you, how about it?

Been spending my week-ends in Bakersfield, 'tis a nice little town of 30,000. They have some good spots there, mainly Bakersfield Inn, the Ritz, and the penthouse on the Hotel El Sejour's roof. Scotch and bourbon galore and the atmosphere is pretty good, usually something doing - went on a party last week-end and liquor flowed out the doors. Never have seen so many unattached (not ugly) women since I left L.A. However my control is good and when the situation starts to thicken I leave their honor intact and shove off to new pastures and pastimes - I've heard of that long tea - which is the way I like and want things to be with us - we'll do all right darling and as long as I have you to think about I'll never be bothered -

And what are your post-war plans Rebel? First of all let's brace our postponements - and then? I don't believe I'll go back to Mich, where would you like to have your Sat. nite beatings, huh? - I sorta like Calif. (on the coast) and as to what I'll do I don't know yet. Pilots will be a dime a dozen - what I'd really like to do is to break past the barrier and turn to professional songwriting, I've been told my stuff is good but I have yet to make that all important connection with the right person or persons - 'tis a very hard profession to break into but those who manage have a grand realization of life and besides that they rake in the clover



by the bushel. It's a nice dream huh?

Guess I should have saved my money but I never had any reason before to save anything. I give you all the things I want to will take more than just a job. I'm open to suggestion, let me hear your ideas Rebel. — Uh huh, I remember Oct. 4 is your birthday and your desire will be fulfilled soon as I can find a nice bracelet — and if anyone gets ideas, jangle it in their face and I'll cuss 'em out by long distance! Come Nov. 18 and I'll talk on another year, if no one's lookin' I'm tempted to subtract one. Oh well it's staring me in the face regardless! — I hope we can at least spend our old age together, still — I have other hopes too! Stay lovely — and mine.

All My Love  
— Your Yank —





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Rebel darling,

Greetings again sweet one - I rec'd your letter of June 4 several days ago, 'bout four I guess - but this is the first opportunity I've had to answer - so help me! Do hope the X-ray showed you had needless suspicions, if anyone is going to break a rib or three, save that pleasure for me, am more than willing to cooperate.

Your suspicious missile was well rec'd, but me heart is still settled on a brunette. How you talk, one would think you were in love with me and put your special sign on me - and so you have much to me satisfaction. I wouldn't love you half so much if you didn't suspicion me once in a while - I still like to be considered dangerous in my old age and so far I don't have to resort to goat glands!

Those long awaited snapshots will be forth-coming in the next letter, don't know how they will turn out, I haven't got them back yet. In the meantime I'd appreciate some from you. Damn the censor, send 'em along!

Guess I'll go to D.C. this week and as we have a three day pass coming up for having the least number of accidents on our field on the Coast for the month of June. Seeing as how payday is Friday all the nite-clubs will be glad to



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Dear Sirs,

I am writing you today to inform you that I have been assigned to the position of [illegible] at [illegible]. This is a very important position and I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that I have been able to secure this assignment. I have been in the service for [illegible] years and I have had the opportunity to work with some of the finest [illegible] in the country. I am confident that I will be able to contribute to the success of your organization in a significant way. I have been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with you and I am sure that you will be pleased to have me on your staff. I will be reporting to you as soon as I have been able to get my things packed and I will be available for your inspection at any time. I am sure that you will be very satisfied with my performance and I will do my best to make you proud of me. I am sure that you will be very pleased to have me on your staff and I will be very grateful for the opportunity to work with you. I am sure that you will be very satisfied with my performance and I will do my best to make you proud of me. I am sure that you will be very pleased to have me on your staff and I will be very grateful for the opportunity to work with you.

see me again.

So far my flying is progressing okay. I have all of my formation flying in and I finished the last of my cross-country today - and now comes instruments, yipe! I'm really sweating that out! Five more weeks and I'll go to advanced if I'm lucky, me poor old prayer-bones - taps just blew so I'm forced to call this a letter. Forgive??

All My Love  
Your Hank



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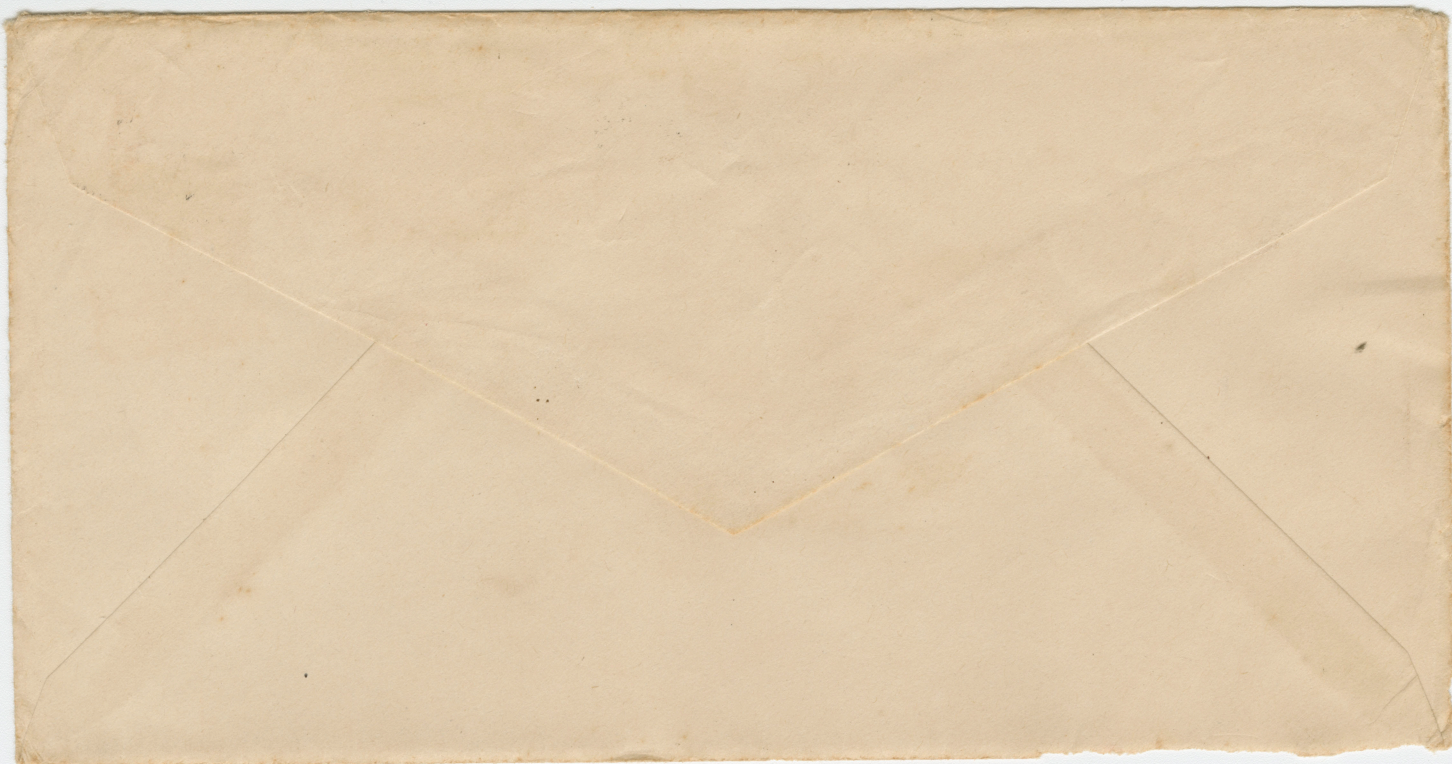
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July 13, '44

My Darling-

Rebel my own - you had me worried as I hadn't heard from you in so long a time and I had a sneaking suspicion you were in on the invasion - take good care of yourself, hear? - this guy wants you back - heart and soul - I'd like nothing better than to share your job-hole with you. Maybe it wouldn't be a suite in the Waldorf but it would seem as nice to me as long as you were there.

Mary forwarded your letter and I rec'd it today. I faithfully promise I'll have some pictures for you in my next letter. I finally found a lovely roll of film and will expose it like mad this week.

Sorry to say my flying isn't so hot. I'm on instruments now and this week should tell whether I'm in or out, and from present appearances it will be out. I'm really sweating it out and if I wash now when I only have three more months to go - I'll really tear things apart! God knows my prayer bones are worn raw!

I spose you know you've been cheating the postal department for ages - the F.B.I. will get you yet - I've tried it but they insist overseas



mail is sixteen cents an ounce. Guess you'll have to run our budget after the war.' How about it?

I'm going to get stinks for you this weekend and every drink I take for the duration will be for you - I won't take a one for myself! okay? They had better reconvert the liquor distilleries back to "business as usual" because I feel there is going to be a terrific shortage. Will try my persuasive powers to get your chocolate, and god knows I'll need everything I've got and a moustache too - here's where my shaving brush catches hell -

And so my darling I miss you very much - do hope this rat race is over by next summer, I'll be darned if I'll accept you a day over fifty - After all I want you while I've still got my nature, young and eager for my share of love and life. which is you and always will be you. We'll have fun, happiness, and always love. I think I'll fall in love with you all over again every day - you have me "Rebel" and you'd better keep me for I don't want to belong to anyone else but you - and I want you to always belong to me for I love you very, very much.

All My Love  
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My Darling Rebel -

Hills sweetest, how's the foot hole lately? Still room for me I hope - but if I join you would you mind very much if I joined you some other way than via parachute?

You see Mary I'm not going to be a pilot. I had a check ride Monday and I washed on instrument flying. I've always (up to now) had a lot of confidence in myself and believed that if I tried I could do anything I set out to do - well, I found I've been under a pink illusion for the Army disagrees with me. I'm a disappointed guy because I've fallen deeply in love with flying, as of now I feel definitely lost.

The Major told me I was a good Contact pilot but that they couldn't afford to give me any more instrument instruction as they hadn't the time. I was okay on full panel but partial panel was my weakness - so I wound up with only six hours to go and I'd have graduated, with a grand total of 134 hours I have logged as of now - which by the way is more than ample time for me to obtain a private license after the war.

As yet I don't know what they will do with



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The Acting Chief -

These quarters, being the job that I am  
now for me I hope - but if I find your  
your mind very much of I find your some other

your very many I am not going to be a part of  
but in that case I would be  
institutions of my own (up to now) but I  
of confidence in myself and believe that I  
that I cannot do anything but to do - well  
I have not been under a great strain for the  
very dangerous with me. In a dangerous  
because I have been very busy with flying and  
and I feel definitely that

The major that I was in good contact

with the staff and I would like to see you

and I would like to see you  
I was also in full contact with the staff  
of my own - to be sure up with only a few  
to go out to the front with a great total  
of 104 hours I have been up and down - which is  
the way to move the staff for me to other  
a private house after the war  
and I feel that I will do with



me, but I may be able to take Bombardier training. Whatever the outcome I'll let you know as soon as I find out. Mary my sweet, I hope you aren't too disappointed, if I could have had a few more hours I'm sure I could have made it - but then the Army allows only so much time and I was a little too slow. I'm thankful for the hours I did get - flying is a wonderful life.

Hope the bot I sent reached you okay, had to substitute but then it all ends up in the same place eventually - hm? Are you keeping yourself lovely for all those lucky guys who see you everyday? I must do something about that in the near future - About time I coached you on your vote too, seeing as how I'll be the (master?) in our house - so Rebel be sure and put a nice big X in front of our boy FDR's name - after all he is the guy what made night life and the luxury tax possible - and if that keeps up he's gonna force on the wagon no matter how much I like to get around.

And about those snaps I promised you - don't shout so - the druggist is to blame and I faithfully promise I'll enclose them in my next letter - but don't let that stop you from sending some, do you want me to forget what my 54-40 or fight Rebel looks like? Better not - Bye for now and how about some mutual dreams? -

All My Love  
Frank

I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life.

to substitute but that is all I can do in this case. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life. I was so - flying in a wonderful life.

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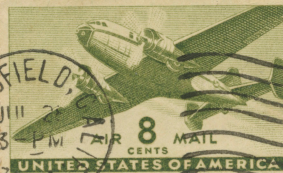


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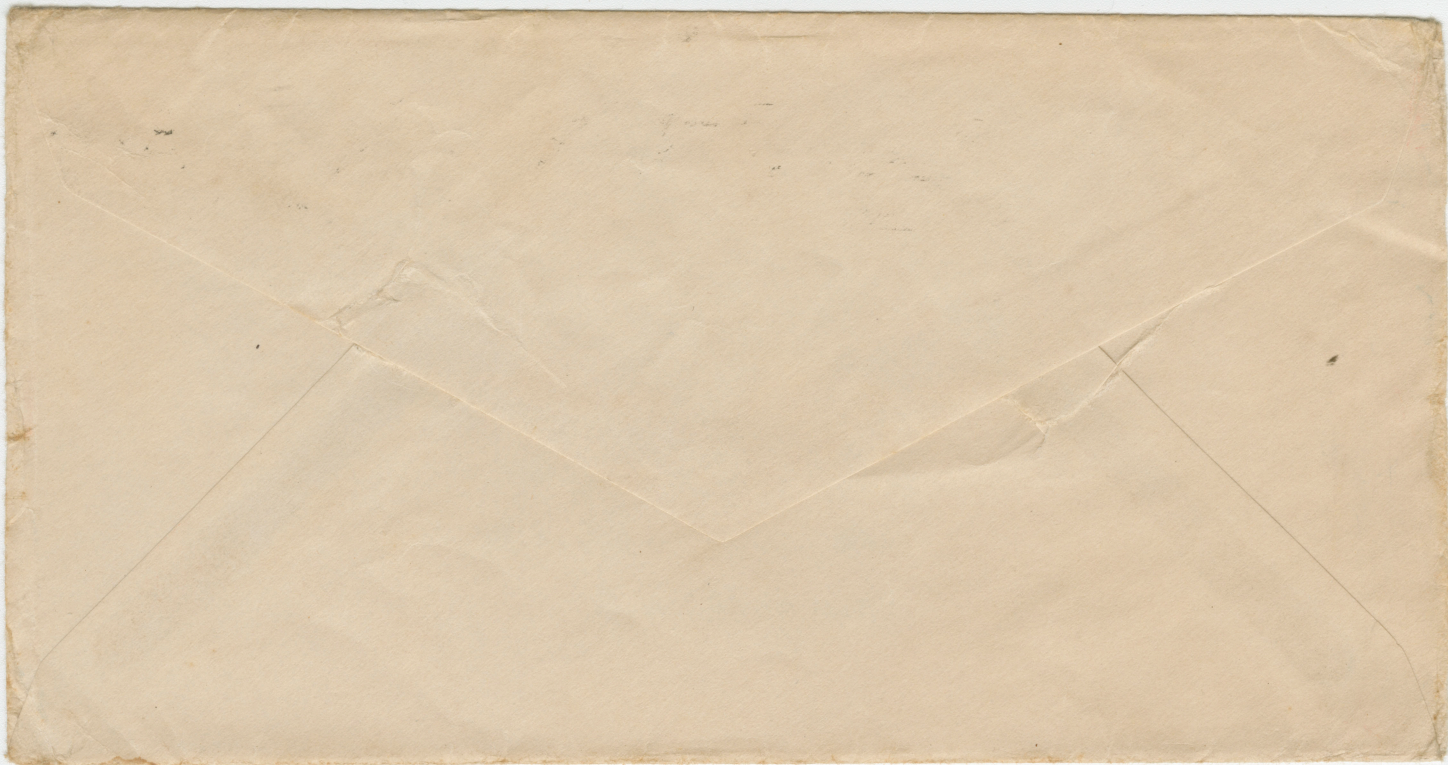
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My 'Rebel Darlin'

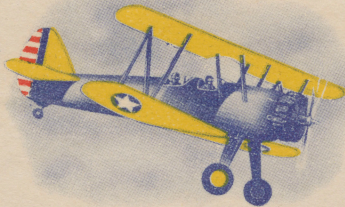
Greetings sweeter than sweet, been waiting and wanting to hear from you but to no avail - I hope the postman is better to me this week! I'm at a new field now, Minter Field. It is a Basic school and I'm now in twin engine stuff and having my share of headaches. I guess they are trying to make a bomber pilot out of me - what luck they will have I don't know -

And so it is Sat. mite and our first open post on this field, and I'm enjoying, questionably, the evening by staying in. My reason? So close to playday - I see a way it is just as well because this is the first chance I've had to write any letters since I've been here, my day starts at five A.M. and ends at eight P.M. with just time enough for meals - six days a week. I never realized before how much stuff could be packed into one day - yipe!

The country had a big thrill this afternoon, for five minutes, when A.P. killed their story that Allied landings had been made in France. What a rat race it caused here - everybody had a good jag on without the help of a grain beverage. I was just about ready to brush my tail and sharpen my fangs and give out with the old wolf-call - but it turned out to be a brick house, - oh well - that's what I like about life - perpetual motion - correct for drift dear and I'll throw you a double snare. I'm getting so I talk to myself - that's bad.

They're having a big jam session across the street in the Gym, right now. I'm almost tempted





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(Excuse please)

to smear a little charcoal on me face  
and join the fun - strictly Harlem gut bucket,  
all dark stuff. Three weeks since I've been  
out and even that doesn't look too bad -  
okay so now you've sopped my face - I'm  
subdued.

If only I had a quart of Scotch here to  
give me that fine glow I wouldn't be imagining  
bars on my windows. What's that about a  
flower without water? Well I'm allergic to  
water and as for me penicillin can't compare  
with a bottle of good Scotch - agreed?

It's been six months now hasn't it Mary? -  
Long time since Palm Springs - don't know  
why the nice moments of life are so short  
and so far between. Can't you console me  
with a few snaps of your lovely self? Ah -  
We are allowed to take snaps here so  
maybe I can send you some soon - I  
haven't a white scarf but I could include  
my super (120 mph.) misfmaster. And so my  
darling this is all for now - how about a  
few pages of sealed loveliness in return? Soon?  
Be good, stay sweet, and think of me - too.  
Write Rebel -  
All my love  
K

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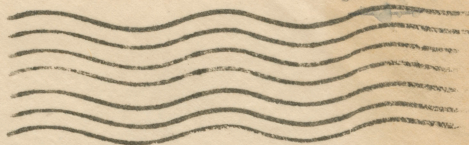
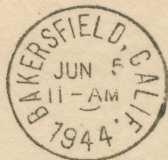


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