

Please excuse
me for not acknow-
ledging your letter,
as it is so early in
the morning and I
want to get straight
away to work.

499th Aero Squadron
Langley Field
Hampton Va

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Dear Friend;

Please excuse
me for not acknowledging your
letter sooner, and the reason
is, that they do keep me
very busy.

Since hearing from you, I
have written to Dick, and
am hoping he received the
letter by now.

It was mighty fine of you to
give me all that dope, excuse
the expression, tho I know

you understand it, about the boys,
and it sure did interest me.
Wasn't it odd that Dick, Shorty,
and Heck should be on the same
boat? And I'll bet they were
ticked to pieces to meet each other.
I'll bet they did spin some yarns.
We too are hoping to get over there,
but chances look dubious.

I am doing the civil engineering for
3 miles of underground steam, 2 miles
of gas main, and 3 miles of under-
ground electric conduit; ~~and~~ if
they make us finish we will be
here 9 months longer; hope not.

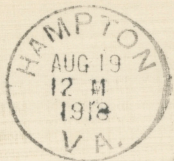
Things sure have been coming my way
since I got in late in March, and
prospects are still good.

Only part of your letter disappointed
me, that was, "you felt that you knew
me well enough to write". Well, I
and my lady friend from home, you,
your sister, and Dick enjoyed one
of the school dances in each others
company (remember sitting on the
drafting tables eating cream) and

I am not sure whether it was
you or your sister who favored
me with some music on an
occasion, about a year ago,
when Dick invited me up to
dinner. It seems strange
that anyone could forget such
a red head as I have.

There were only 2 in the class,
Cooper and I, and they
were both real funny.
I would like to meet your friend
Lieut. Cleary, and would like
to ask him to take me up,
but my nerve is bad when
it comes to meeting officers.
I hear he is a "regular fellow."
Thank you very much for your
favor.

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