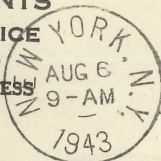


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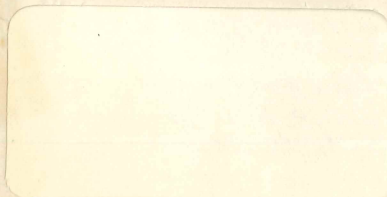
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July 26, 1943  
(Date)

Hello Folks,

V mail certainly has its advantages - Besides being faster it affords a good excuse for not writing a whole lot when you really have nothing to say, but just want to write!

Things here have been quiet the last couple of days. We had them off - but as you might expect, knowing me, I've been making a beachhead holiday of it! I've been flying or out on the line every day! It's fun to just go up and get some time, with nothing much to do. Naturally it is all training, but so different from Cadet days. - Besides, - with so much airplane, one can never really get to know it well enough.

I've been very pleased with the news today. Really hope it's true about Italy and Mussolini's capitulation and not a ruse! - Now if Italy will only give up it certainly would further things a long way in time and men. But as always it's that big word "if".

Our Squadron had a party - just for ourselves last Friday. We had more fun and it did everyone a world of good, me included. The next regular letter I write, I'll tell you all the details! - What a night - everyone just let go! -

Been looking for some mail addressed directly to me here. It has just about been time enough for you to have the address and for me to start getting it. It will be swell to have some fairly fresh news for a change.

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Buy, now and remember to keep punching! Frank