

April 11, 1943
Sqdn. E. Gr. 8 - 43-K
A.A.F. P-F. SC (Pilot)
Maxwell Field, Ala.



Dear Betty, Doug, and Alan,
U. S. ARMY AIR CORPS
MAXWELL FIELD, ALA.

Please forgive me for not letting you know where I was, sooner. But the life as a zombie, does not give you all the time in the world.

we are now underclassmen (zombies) at Pre-flight school.

The life of a zombie is some life. Down here, we are subject to the marching system. We have to march at strict attention and at 140 steps per minute. Then when we fall in formation we fall in at Parade Rest. That is hands behind us and ~~are~~ very stiff, with our eyes fixed on a point straight ahead. we are not supposed to smile in formation.

At mess, again, we have to sit at attention and are not allowed to gaze around.

The tough part of it is, the upperclassmen try to make you laugh. They tell you to jump in the air, then want to know who gave you permission to come down.

But the toughest part is getting up at 5:00 A.M.

So far my academic average is pretty good. 96.67. we have math, code, maps & charts, and other stuff. about the only time to ourselves is from 9:30 P.M. till 5 A.M. That is when we sleep.

This is a beautiful post. There are trees, flowers, and paved streets. They have a lot of beautiful officers' homes. The airport is a very pretty sight. Most of the buildings are cream stucco with red roofs.

Last Thursday, we stood in review for Sord Halifax. we were all dressed up, white gloves and everything.

The weather down here is pretty warm. But the trees and flowers are out.



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In case you wondered about A.A.F. P-F.S (Pilot).
It stands for Army Air Forces Pre-flight school (Pilot).
The 43-K is what class we are in. The 43 stands
for 1943 the K is for the 11th month, so if
everything goes well, we will graduate in November.
I hope so.

How is everything in vacationland? How is
Mr. Hamlen and Mr. Gannett? Mr. Hamlen should
see all the planes around here. All kinds and plenty
of them. Do you still go up to the tower?

How is Alan? Is he still looking for me in
a plane? I am, too. But, it will be about 8 weeks
before we ^{will} ever see a plane on the ground.

If there is anything you want to know about
this place, ask me. I'll answer it, if I'm allowed
to.

Sats of Soul,
Frank.