



AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
LOWRY FIELD, COLORADO

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Dearest Mother,

Got your letter yesterday but just had time to write now. They are really pouring it on us now. They have cut all the courses down to a minimum of time so all the stuff has to be packed into a very small amount of time. It is really very tough but I sure hope to make it as it means a chance for a rating and maybe crew chief in an Announcements shop.

In your letter you speak as if I was even then fighting in the Islands or something. There is about 1 chance in 50 of us going over there, and I have a much better chance of coming to Calif. than I had before.

They can only use so many men in actual combat and even with the terrific factor of surprise and little opposition, the Japs have only killed about 250 Army men in a week of concentrated bombings. And remember this: our men are far better equipped, better trained and have the best planes and equipment in the world ~~how~~ none.

Well I have an awful lot of studying to do now as we had to sign the pay roll for next month today and that took two hours so haven't much time. Don't worry



about me as I am in a much safer spot than you are. And that is what really worries me. I don't know what I would do if I was working again at home and powerless to protect you. I know it seems rather hard and heartless to say this but I know in my heart that it is much better for me to be doing something to protect you than it is for me to be home with you. There is nothing I would like better, but I guess we will have to wait a while for that. In my opinion it won't be too long, either. Japan is bankrupt now and this move was brought about by Hitler's pressure on Japan.

Will you write and tell me about the blockades etc., please as I am constantly worrying about you. It is hard to believe there is actually a war going on, isn't it. Well guess that's all for now.

Love,
Walter.

P.S.

From now on I am going to write just as if there was no war. I just want to tell you everything of importance, but I am not going to burden you with worrying over something that hasn't happened yet. (Such as transfers, etc.) Love again.