

15 Aug.

Dear Joe:

I reckon you must think I am quite the sinner for not answering your letter. Well I guess I am. Was glad to hear from you and hope you have a pretty good deal there. At least you have some big towns to go to when you get some time off.

Well I reckon you know the 3rd Bomb is in the war over here. The 13th is fighting too, not only against the Reds, but against each other. Sure have a bunch of cut throats here. But all in all things aren't too bad.

I flew mission number 29 last evening. Will be out again tonight. I don't know if you read about

II.

Goodwin back there or not. He was killed returning from the 1st mission.

We went on maneuvers up to Matsushina in June. All the ground troops and the hanger crew went up. The planes and crews went to Ashiya for a couple of days to pull missions against the Navy. On the 27th of June they phoned Matsushina and told us to get down to Ashiya in one big hurry. I flew down in 372-N. Then they told us the Reds had invaded South Korea and to stand by. The next day, 28th, we were on the 1st mission. We flew the 28th 29th + 30th out of Ashiya, and then we moved here to Iwakuni. You remember this Aussie base.

The 3rd Bomb Wing moved back to Yokota so I guess when this shooting stops we'll go back there. Col. Hall isn't with the wing anymore, so that's one good thing. He went to 7th AF. or GHQ. I hope he goes to hell and stays there.

Nobody can leave the outfit. All enlistments are postponed for another year. Boy that's what hurt me. I had all the paper work from Walker in Tokyo and oh from Maj. Jarrell about a job in Tokyo. Then this came out. Maj. Jarrell has written three letters to Walker in Tokyo about me, hoping they will still have a place for me whenever I can get released. He sure has gone out of his way to help me.

IV.

For one thing, he isn't the same Jarrell we knew before. Since getting into combat again he has changed a 100 per cent. He is okay and every one agrees with that.

They sure sent a lot of guys over since this thing started. We have new ships up the butt. We lost 7 so far. Z-379 - T-478 - R-277 - K- + X-240 are gone and two that replaced them also are gone. We have 18 ships now assigned and 5 more outside awaiting acceptance check by the maintenance outfit. We suppose we'll have 25 ships in each region.

Smiley is back in the outfit again. He was one of the 748's they sent over.

I'll be looking for you + Ellis too. There is talk of starting up another region. I know they'll have plenty of planes + men to make it up at the rate we are getting ships + men over here.

V.

Well Joe, that is enough about this place for awhile. How do you like things back there? Do you wish you had gone back a lot sooner? I haven't heard from Ellis in a long while. He must be pretty busy.

The A.P.O.# here is 954. So if you write Joe, the letter will come here and not Johnson Field. I had a three-day pass a couple of weeks ago + ~~when~~ went to Johnson. Spent three nice days with the girl-friend. I left the car up at Olsen home. Didn't want it here as we didn't know how long we was going to stay here.

Well Joe, will sign off for now, hoping this finds you well and every thing going good with your Mother and children. Write when you can as I'm always glad to hear how you doing. So long for now
Your ole buddy, Jack.