

Dear Sam and Cecil – Transcription - 1942-11-07

<b>Date of Communication</b>	11/07/1942
<b>Station Address</b>	a/c Harry Ostrove
	Sqdn M [Yr 3?]
	A.A.F.P.F.S. (pilot)
	Maxwell Field
	Ala.
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Letterhead has U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS MAXWELL FIELD, ALA. insignia on the top of the page

This letter included a cut-out newspaper article

Saturday P.M.

Hi Gang;

Just a line now so that I can get this out before Sunday.

How is Mitch and Arthur? Is Arthur out of bed yet? Did you get a maid? What's new? Is Eddie home yet?

The real reason for me writing this letter, is that Eddie asked me to try to get him a pair of new navigator wings I don't know what he wanted. I don't know weather there is a new type wing of if he wants one of the old type. Anyway all they have here is the old type (if there is a new one?) Besides they won't sell them to me and my tac. officer went home on furlough the other day, and I don't know the new one.

How does Eddie look? Has he put on any weight? Did he get the pictures that we took in Albany yet? How about sending me a set. Also remind pop about my shoe trees.

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This is all I can write now.

Good night and  
Love  
Harry

P.S. I just got this item out of the "Southeast Army Air Forces News." I thought it was pretty good.

P.P.S. My average is still 87 ½% I got a 60 and a 100 in Ground forces today so I guess that evens it up.

P.P.P.S. Eddie! How about trying to get down here before you leave — i just heard about us invading French Africa. Make that our second front. I hope. I got the blouse and shirts today. It fits swell. I found a penny in one of the pockets besides the hat cover and insignias. It will come in handy. I was expecting the [lochw?] though. Will you need it? Before you leave if you have anything to send home. send it to me and I will forward anything I don't need.

Happy Landings  
Harry

P.P.P.P.S. Monday starts "Hell week" So — Wish me luck — No "gigs" so far  
Harry

Here is a transcription of the included article from the Southeast Army Air Forces News.

MAXWELL FIELD. Ala. —

It probably wouldn't have happened if the Maxwell Field control tower operator hadn't been reading up on camouflage, but

Not long ago, the tower received a radio call for a B-24 signalling [sic] that it was on the "base leg." ready to land a Maxwell. The radioman looked out the huge tower windows and saw nothing, but what they heck, he reasoned, the way they paint these things up these days, you can't see 'em half the time anyway. So he cleared the plane to a landing.

Five minutes later, he got this call: "B-24 to Maxwell Tower. On the ground."

This time the radio traffic knew blame well there was no airplane from which the signal could be emanating [sic], but to make sure, he asked, "Where on the field are you, B-24?"

"Right in front of the tower, am the reply.

The operator leaned out the window and saw nothing. Just before they removed him to psychopathic ward, the telephone rang. It was Gunter Field, seven miles across Montgomery from Maxwell.

"Say," said the Gunter tower operator, "if you're looking for a stray B-24, it landed over here!"