

Turner Field  
Albany, Georgia

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Dear Miss McGlynn,

Thanks loads for chapping in a line. It goes me who still remembers you- You were certainly right when you wrote that you believed I was too busy and that there was no need to answer your letter. You should have put the word busy in the superlative degree and you would be approximately correct- To give you an example of just how busy I am- I am writing this letter under the pretense of taking code- My earphones are buzzing away with dits and dahs. This is really the only opportunity I have to write at all.

Perhaps you would be interested in hearing what I am doing day in & out. Well to begin with I am classified as a navigator. I have been at this field for about 2 weeks now after leaving Maxwell 3 weeks ahead of schedule due to good grades- Yes, actually I manage to rank among the first 12 of my class (1) while I was there (a first in history, I guess). Hence there was a chance for 6 men to leave 3 weeks earlier with the class ahead of us, and I was one of the fortunate ones.

Turner Field is really the basic and advanced field for Navigators- Our stay here is 15 weeks at the end of which time these surviving will be commissioned and given their wings. Hence it is really the last lap. Classes here are much harder than at Maxwell and longer. We have 7 hours of classes a day yesterday because we were supposed to have a mission this morning we had a nite class which last till 9:30- After that I stayed as did quite a few others. Trying to plot my course as accurately possible on my Mercator (I bet you know all those times). So it was 11:30 before I left my flight room and started for my barracks. You can imagine how tired I was at reveille this morning (5:45)- At 7:45 we reported to operations fully. Equipped to fly- only to find that the mission was cancelled due to unfortunate flying conditions- It will probably have to be flours Sunday, our only day of rest.

The work is very interesting and requires that you are on the ball every minute if you wind to pass. I don't believe I ever tried so hard in all my life to make a success of anything as I am now- All I can do is to trust in God that I will make the grade- Regards to Graldine Andrew and Prescilla. Thanks again for writing.

Sincerely  
Jimmie Attridge