P/O Biscoe A.E.
C/o Officers Mess
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Sept. 1.

My Very Dear Mum.

Well at last your bestest son is a fully blown pilot, and by some fluke of nature also a Pilot Officer. We had our Wings Parade on Friday at 6 o'clock, it was quite a good do, - bags of marching and saluting similar to 'Captains of the Clouds' - remember, after that we went back to billet and served on our wings then we went in to tea for our Wings Dinner, which turned out quite well really. Of course everyone was very merry later on. - I had enough wine to make my head a bit woozy for a while, but I was sober all the evening - there was only two or three of us at the end of the evening - & left the party about 2 o'clock and went back to camp, then on the following morning I was up about 5.30 and went to the station to see some of the boys off (about 20 of 'em) then we came back to camp, signed the book to say where we could be found, and finished off for 48 hours, - & went to Moose Jaw. - had a celebration week-end, ordered my uniform from the tailors (one tunic, two pair pants, one greatcoat, one cap, :- 137 dollars that's about £33 and that's only some of it.)

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couple of days later.

Sorry I haven't had time to finish this letter off, but five of us were asked to ferry some Tiger Moths (Elementary Trainers) from here to Saskatoon about 300 miles, and we have been busy testing the planes, and getting used to them again, (we were flying three at times) well we set off this morning at about 9.45, arrived at Regina and landed for petrol about 11.30, took off again at 1 o'clock, and arrived at Saskatoon about 4 o'clock with our petrol tanks dry, an Anson followed us up, and brought us back we got back here just in time for dinner (7.45 we have late dinner now, and lunch at midday) and talking of food, I haven't told you about the Officers Mess yet have I. - the food is really marvellous, for breakfast, - grapefruit juice, cereal (corn flakes or something) then this morning either fries & bacon or eggs & bacon, toast, and tea (butter, sugar, milk, marmalade, some of the tea put on the table) - then for lunch either a cooked meal (like a dinner) or a cold one ham, pressed beef, savoury roll and also meats, salad, potatoes peas, beetroot etc, then dessert fresh fruits, jelly, custard, pies etc. etc. - Tea isn't much, just toast & jam & tea, the dinner is a big meal, with soup tonight we had pork chops apple sauce potatoes & carrots and for dessert, a trifle custard, flan, cantaloupe, (a sort of melon very nice) and coffee. - well that's a rough idea of the type of food we're getting here, really good grub. - we've only had food these a couple of days, but I like it as there can guess

Then of course there's the lounge, - a really good room with all easy chairs, a massive stone fireplace, reading lamps writing tables, and a marvelous radio system with an automatic record change, then in another room is a table tennis table & dart board - very nice, - and that's all there is to tell about the ress oh & had my first salute on Saturday, from the Waiters. - & didn't know what the heck to do for the moment, - did & tell you that we wear a white cap band until we get our uniform, - no-one knows what it's for thought - but the Waiters did. - talk about laugh

Now after all that trash I'll answer your letters one by ordinary mail which takes about 25 days to get here, and the other by Air Mail which took 14 days. so now I'll answer them.

Have & told you that & received the cash from Aunt Mary quite O.K. and already changed into Canadian cash, two, - thanks a lot- it'll come in very handy, believe me

Sorry to hear that Dad has had a cold, & hope he's better by now, and & hope that the rest of the family are feeling fine

I'm sending some more photos shortly (left over from the last spool) I'll also send my original crew of wings for you, the ones & was presented with. also the photograph of our course, and the menus of the two dinners, one at Moose Jaw, and the Wings

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Dimes also 1 lb of butter, ½lb of icing sugar, that's all I can send I'm afraid. but I'll send another one as soon as I can

Well that's about all I can think of to tell you I'm afraid, - give my regards etc to all the folk, Aunt Mary, Mrs Cole, Gibbins etc etc

So Bye bye for now. - take care of yourselves,

Goodnight - God bless
Yours affectionately to all

Arthur

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P.S. Tell Mere that I still love her