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Dear Mam + Dad,

I was very glad to get your letter, dated 18th Jan, on the 18th Feb, at last you are getting my mail.

It's almost too long ago to remember what I put in them, but as you will gather by now I have done quite a lot of flying.

I sent you a "air mail" letter about Jan 25th, telling you all about my flying and how I passed the E.F.T.S. exams. Well now you see I am at the S.F.T.S. Service Flying Training School and here we fly big twin engine aircraft which are much harder than

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Tiger Moths and more like the real, to thing. Tell our Sidney they look like Blenheims.

Well from Feb 1st to Feb 17th we were on leave so Dally Hammond and I decided to go and see Vancouver on the extreme west coast we didn't make any arrangements but just walked down in to Virden and got on a Trans-Canada bus. It took us thirty six hours to get to Calgary and from there we went up into the Rockies at Banff, a big national park. I have never seen anything like the Rockies - boy are they big. I have some very good photos of them what we took.

Any way aft two days we got

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tired and went back to Calgary
and caught a bus south for McLeod
and from there we recrossed the Rockies
- it took another two day and we had
a great time. We ran down the Fraser
Canyon 800 miles long and got into
Vancouver at 11:45 pm Tuesday after having
^{visiting} at 1-30 pm Wednesday. We had a grand
time in Vancouver and on the Friday
we went across to Victoria, Vancouver Isle
and come back Sunday night to Vancouver
we left for Brandon on Thursday night
night and got back on Sunday night, & we
came back by rail, its much quicker.

Now we are at Brandon and on
our last lap but it will take us another
four months here.

I suppose "Echo" Fred & Kate are

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very excited but tell them not to judge the service until they have done about four months. Tell them I sure they will get through at least as far as I have got. The only snag is a few chaps just can't fly and its usually the guy who a perfect flyer. Anyway I hope I'm in England before they leave for Canada.

I think thats all,

Tell our Sidney I'll teach him how fly after the war.

Your loving son,
Lewis.

P.S. I got our Renee's letter, Tell her I'm replying.