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Dear Uncle T. & Auntie Phyl.

Please forgive me for not writing before but I always seem to think that when I write to Grammy you hear all the news. I expect this is not quite so true now that you no longer live next door.

I believe last time I saw you I was on 7 days leave just after completing my

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advantages and after all this is a very comfortable station - the food is excellent. There are numerous sport facilities - indoor games including billiards, Squash (my favorite) Tennis, Hockey & Rugby & I take part in most of these. Then of course with a car Lincoln is soon reached & there one can usually see a good film as there are about 5 cinema shows & also there is a variety show on at the theatre once a week & about once a fortnight the E.N.S.A. visit the camp & they usually provide good entertainment.

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training at Colchester. I am now stationed within a few miles of Lincoln & have been here about 2 1/2 months, having completed all my operational training at Colchester about 10 miles from home. Just because I should love to get abroad & see a bit of the world it seems fate is against me for I was at Branwell for about 6 months only 25 miles from home & now this place about 40. However I suppose I must not grumble for of course it has its

You will probably be surprised that after 2 1/2 months I have only completed 6 operational trips, the main reason for this being the difficulty I had in finding a first Pilot & crew (gunner & wireless operator) for as I probably told you, I go as Navigator & 2nd pilot, ^{and} do not do any actual flying at night until I have completed a few more trips, the argument being that one gains invaluable experience regarding avoidary action against anti-aircraft gun & searchlights (public