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Sunday.

Dear Claude

This note will be a bit briefer than usual as I have about 4 letters to write. I had a budget of mail in from friends in Melbourne and shall be glad out answering them. Also had one from Shawb Ellis. It never rains but it pours.

Glad to hear that you have been having some of the rain and wet weather down here that we have been having up here. The drought certainly broke with a rush.

Had a letter from Dot about week or so ago from an address in Edwood. I wrote to her at that address, but since receiving your letter, realize that possibly she would have gone from that address before receiving my letter. However doubtless they will forward it.

Have often thought of writing Ray Marsh but wasn't sure of where he was. I must drop him a line when we finish our course here.

I thought he was promoted and to take charge of a large school in metropolitan area. However couldn't have got it.



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 Had a letter from Shant and of course a detailed
 life in Shant's best style, of Beecher wedding.
 I sent Baldwin a wire and small present on
 the day of the wedding. Things went off very well
 regarding the wedding, according to Shant.
 He also sent news of Allan Lees who is at Bangala
 He making some biscuits and sending
 along. I wouldn't bother for a while till we see
 what happens here. We may get leave shortly.
 I have a tin from mother which will last me
 for a while and we shall either get leave, or
 else be posted straight from here within a
 week or fortnight. Tell mother that the biscuits
 arrived safely and were great. Shall write
 as soon as the rooms are cleaned up - towards
 the end of this week.

We have been absolutely flat out here
 for the last week or so. The planes have practically
 flown continuously apart from refuelling -
 inspections. We have an early lunch and
 are waiting for the Junior course to step out of them
 at 12 noon. We fly all the afternoon then. Casual
 1 hour up one down. My best day was 7am to
 8am. on the Link Trainer - 2 hour rest. even
 flying all the afternoon, up till 4am. one night
 flying and sat for another exam the following
 morning.



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Have had an exam every morning this week. What little time we do get at night we have been trying to sweat. Have one on Monday & one on Tuesday morning and then am finished with the ground subjects. On Wed morning I have to fly with chief flying instructor on my final flying exam on instrument flying. That means an hours blind flying which takes the very dickens out of you in concentration. and Friday ~~and~~ Saturday shall have my pass out exam with him on everything.

We have been behind in our flying hours and they are trying to get us finished by next Sat. We have to have 60 hours at least before leaving here. I think we shall do it providing we don't lose any through bad weather & visibility. Have 1 hour night flying to do yet so that means another night or night flying also 4 or 5 hours on the Link Trainer.

If we can get finished by Sat. we should get leave for few days. Our leave is due to move on to S.F.C.S. on Thursday week. However it's impossible to foretell yet what shall be doing. I think we shall be going overseas sooner or later to finish our course. The bulk of the last outfit from here went, so looks as though we shall too. Had a bad crash here yesterday. Instructor &



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pupil were practicing low flying. Were in a steep turn near the ground at about 80 mph when a wing tip touched the ground. They both stepped out of the wreckage about 60 yards along fortunately very near to them. However the plane was complete wreck. Must have misjudged the ground or else their angle of bank. She would be practically in a perfect bank at point of impact.

Haven't been too good lately however have stuck it out. I don't want to go into the hospital as shall be delayed another month. We are getting some through now. Have a touch of the flu and face has broken out into some rash. System must be a bit run down from long hours, and teacher is not the best. Have been buying supply of fruit in Narrandera every week end. It is fairly cheap there. However after this week we can relax our course will be finished here.

Well must close now so will say cheerio for present. Kind regards to everybody
 your Reg.