

Dear folks - well this is the first letter I've written in 5 days but  
in those 5 days I've seen quite a bit. We spent 2 days in London  
three of us are travelling together one kid from Wpg. another from  
northern ont, and myself. you certainly can't imagine the  
size of London, why the business district alone is the size of Wpg  
or bigger and there are 1000's corners like portage + main. we got  
in London at 7 P.M. besides the black out a London fog was on,  
a flashlight ~~light~~ <sup>wants</sup> ~~show~~ <sup>1</sup> foot in it no Canadian fog can touch it. I  
bought a good flashlight but it burnt out. we had to go to the K.C. and get  
our ~~reservate~~ <sup>reservations</sup> and then to our ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> all all of these were miles from  
the station. you can't imagine the time we had to find our hotel but it  
took us 3 hours. we travelled by underground railways our hotel was  
grand it cost 1/9 for bed + breakfast or about 35¢. we saw all the spots  
in London. big ben. those 2 famous old churches. the marble arch, orielons  
and a bunch more monuments. besides picadilly circus, there's some place.  
we waited an hour to see a show and paid \$1.00 to see it. we were at the beaver  
club. after hearing so much about it I was much disappointed. there are  
more Canadian clubs in London for nicer. In London we went to a wax  
~~wax~~ works. (mme Sussauds) maybe you've heard of it. there are 500 wax  
statues of people ranging from George V to Hitler and. monkey Rooney to Guy Faux  
(gun powder plot) Everybody in history. besides some old relics. one is the  
actual knife of the guillotine to cut of Marie Antoinette's head. its really grand.  
from London we came to Edinburgh in 10 hrs. Edinburgh is a grand city not so  
congested as Lond with much wider streets. I like it here very much. our hotel  
is right downtown it costs us 2/3 or about 45¢ a day for bed + breakfast. Ever  
heard of Edinburgh Castle? its in the middle of the town on a high rock.  
about 800 feet up. in the older days it sure must have been some fortress  
it has several walls very thick. one old Cannon is so big you can easily  
crawl into it. we were all through it. its really something. this P.M.  
we're going to see the fish of forth bridge and before we leave Im going to  
go to Glasgow its only 3 hours from here. well chat about all. its feeling  
100% ill bet its warmer here than at home. If you send parcels send  
Candy if you can. or gum etc. we get one of these letters per week or id  
send more. I've smelt only 2 guys I know. a kid named Cowan from  
Boissevain. well so long for now. more later. Love Bob..



Next day. well here @  
some more space. I never  
knew I had. well a mo-  
nth from today is xmas  
I sent 3 parcels yesterday  
I hope you get them some  
time ok. yesterday P.M

we went out and saw  
the fish of forth Bridge  
you can't imagine it till  
you see it. its nearly  
2 miles long and a  
tremendous height. on  
my to London we stayed  
over in Bournemouth for  
a while and I ran into  
marie & inlays brother  
so you can tell her that.

I'm writing from the K.C  
building down town. its  
a beautiful day. I can  
look out the window right  
at the old castle. we  
were all through it the  
other day. I sent an air  
graph to you + uncle mure  
today. now 27. 4.AM  
well I'm on a train  
in London now. The  
leave is over and I've

2  
I sure had a good time  
I'm sure seen a lot. I hope  
there's some mail for me  
when I return. We  
travelled all night. The  
train was crowded but  
I got a seat. The same  
with this train. We stood  
in line & got a good seat.  
Considering the job the  
Railways have here.  
Transportation is ok.  
Also every where you  
turn there's a Y.N.E.A  
K.C., or many other centers  
or restrooms. It's really  
good you can get a real  
good meal for a few cents.  
Well my old uniform is  
shot. The seat is out again  
also the Crotch And. I  
tripped on the Curb in a  
London fog & tore out my  
knicker. Well that's all  
for now. I mailed 3 boxes  
gifts to you from Scotland.  
Hope you get them ok, send  
me one artificial milk  
but chocolate is possible  
so long for now  
Love Bob.

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## AIR MAIL

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*Rec. Dec. 16*

TO: Mrs A A Anderson  
Suite 11. Alexandra Bldg.  
Brandon, Manitoba  
Canada.

*Whitton  
No 26-21-27*

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C. Q. 11  
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FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

*R. 191468.*

*Sgt. R. Anderson*

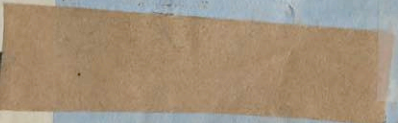
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Dec 9/43. Dear ~~to~~ ~~the~~ well I got 3 more letters today 2 An mail and  
one ordinary one An mail was sent on the 27th. Yes I got  
the snaps ok and 1 parcel containing a belt. Our Crossing  
was without any Excitement what so ever - And I was not  
sea sick. Second day out I felt woozy and sort of sick  
when I was below decks, so I spent all my time on  
deck. And slept on the deck 3 nites, two of us did this  
And we sure felt grand on Sat. A.M. but then I got  
used to the gentle rolling of her and didn't mind it  
a bit. The other 4 nites I slept in a Hammock, its was  
real nice to lay there and watch the ship roll. The ship  
rolled a bit but never pitched much, that is the  
nose <sup>didn't</sup> go up and down. Although one beautiful nite  
about 10 P.M. I was up in front talking to a sailor and  
we struck a big ~~wave~~ wave that came right over and  
we were as wet as though we had been thrown ~~in~~.  
I remember licking my lips. And having my first  
taste of salt water. I used to spend all day time on decks.  
I used to spend a lot of time at the rear end and look  
for hours at the way the massive propellers churned the  
water. Another thing that struck me was the quietness  
and speed she had. I got so used to the rocking of her  
that when I landed it took me a while to get used to the  
stillness. And I'll never forget when I first saw land either  
Yes harbours are very very ~~to~~ interesting. but you



more the prairie. I guess Sie told you I was on leave. to Scotland  
Do you know what. In Yorkshire (that's like a province) I met  
Bob Allan, he's not far from Jim Swanson now. Sie heard  
from Jim Swanson and Jim Kerr both. This is my last letter  
from my present site. In a very short while I'll be getting  
a chance to really earn this flying badge. And Am I looking  
forward to it. I'll be on one of the big ones - 4 motors. Well



the snow is sure looking <sup>!!!</sup> good lately with it. It's been raining quite heavy today. first real bad day since we been here. got paid today. I get 6 pounds 8 shillings every 14 days. met twice a month. I still had  $\frac{1}{2}$  a pound left too.

any news at #12? Are you S.F.O or who is and what about your remuster. I gather Frank McManis is home. And what is he doing? Well that's all for now. Jim's writing lots of letters so if you're not getting them I don't blame me - your loving son.

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AIR LETTER

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TO: F/O A. A. ANDERSON.

#12 SFTS. R. C. A. F.

BRANDON. MANITOBA.

CANADA.

FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

SGT. R. ANDERSON.

R191468.

R. C. A. F.

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Dear Dad - (Jan 12/43) sorry for not writing for a while but i've  
been busy moving etc. well im on a flying station now  
thank goodness. im only a few miles from jim manson I find  
from looking on the map. so I wrote him today. I expect a 72  
soon and ill go see him. ill probably be a while getting mail  
from you seeing i've just moved. well I should be doing my  
stuff by January now. were on a short course here of ground  
school and flying with our crew. This is a Canadian Station.  
thank goodness. a lot of our guys go to R.A.F. stations. so the crew  
will be mostly Canadians. we fly Halifax here boy theyre some  
crate. The tail wheel is bigger than the main wheels  
on one of your Cessnas. And from fairy battles to halifax is  
sure some jump in it. here is something that should please  
you. im in a mid upper turret and not a tail turret. it  
suits me because its warmer and you're more with the crew. well  
I guess two weeks from today is Christmas. I dont know what will  
be doing. working most likely. but you can be sure ill be  
thinking of you all. Its sort of tough to be away from home  
both for me and you folks, but this Christmas there will  
be thousands of people all over that will far worse off  
than we are, wont there? maybe I can see more  
than you can that this is true being here. Any way lets  
hope its my last xmas away. And the longer I am away  
the more joyful will be our reunion. dont worry  
about me. I miss home yes. but it doesnt get me  
down, or wont affect me. I know for a fact that there  
is a closer relationship between me and my home  
than a lot of guys have and im certainly



thankful for it. Well it is still keeps warm here (Compared to Canada) we had a little white frost last night though. but I seldom wear a great coat. oh yes - Jim positive I saw Forrest & Lord in the mess tonight. Jim not sure but if I see him again I'll make sure. All air crew eat together from Sgts to W/C in our mess all as one. Before I left. Art Fischer Gordon MacCauley and I were outside one night. We were lucky to meet so far from home. I'd like to send a picture of the kind of plane I fly in and where Jim positioned in the crate. Is any rink going at home yet? I guess its pretty cold.



at home now. its hard to tin " " agene, 10th st Coated with ice, over here.  
I Cursed when they issued us rubber boots, but since ~~coming~~  
coming here. I understand. And wear them all the time.  
boy its sure oruddy. I hope yaime getting all my mail  
I must average 4 letters per week. orbbe 3. well that about all  
for now. ~~so~~ jet write soon again. so I say a very merry  
Christmas and a happy new year to you, And God  
bless you all; the best folks a fella ever had.  
All my love Bob.

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Bob dated this  
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meant Dec 12



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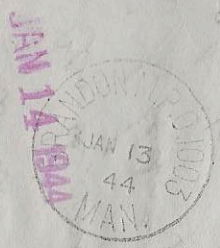
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~~BRANDON. MANITOBA.~~  
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3 Wireless School  
Winnipeg  
Man.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

A. 191468.  
SGT ANDERSON. R.  
R. C. A. F.  
OVERSEAS





Dec 14/43 Dear folks. Well another day another dollar. It's  
7 P.M. been quite foggy and cold today. and the trees etc are  
getting quite a bit of frost on them. There's no heat in our billet  
yet, but we're lucky. there's 5 of us in a room a little smaller  
than our living room. and there's a fire place in it and we've  
just got the grandest fire blazing in it, so we're snug all evening  
before we go to bed. we put some coal on it and it glows all night. so  
we're ok. I am especially lucky because it is right at the foot of my  
bed. we also got a dresser mirror. table chairs and bench in our  
room and good cots to sleep in. The billet must have been a grand  
estate in peace time. It's like a big mansion. of course its stripped of  
its fine furniture etc. but its got the grandest yard. out door swimming  
pool. tennis court. big stone fence. Its also got nice stables  
behind it. cobbles etc and the nicest little stream behind it. In  
summer guys dive from their bedroom windows into it. There's really  
nothing like it in Canada. I just found out it used to be a girls music  
school. Its some joint, and the whole front of the building is covered  
with vines. Well Sir yesterday A.M I got up to wash. and in the hall I  
ran into Allan Brownell. remember him. he worked at Cliff Kirk.  
Patricks one year. his Dad is bald headed, I think he knows Cliff Kirk.  
I know him quite well so you could imagine my surprise. I ~~rem~~  
remember he came over a year ago. well we went to a neighboring  
town last night to a show. he's got his crown and ready for his w.o. any  
time. he's all crewed up but hasn't done any ops. Jim crewed up now too  
the rest of the guys have done ops in the middle east and one they tanned  
a month ago they saw it 120° a moon some contrast to here. so they're  
no rookies. Jim then mid upper A.G. over here you do 30 ops called a  
tour then you might go home, go ~~in~~ instructor or volunteer for another  
tour most guys do. we fly Halifax and they're a lovely bite. imagine  
the wheels 2 1/2 feet high. I bought a nice jelly roll in the  
Canteen, sat on the bus and you should see it now.



" Has she temp got to zero yet? Its hard to imagine its winter at home, we went to the range this A.M. (6 of us) with our instructor. hes a P/O worked up from Sgt. done a tour of ops got the D.F.C. boy hes a perfect head. hes a wild guy though. we never call him Sir just Johnny. hed ignore us if we did call him Sir. It was too foggy to fire so we benched at sheets all A.M. with a 12 gauge shot gun. theres some Americans flying with us. they wear our blue uniforms their hats and flying badges. I havent got any parcels yet. (except my belt.) but no other guys with us have either. When you do send one be sure its well done up, because if it comes open I'll never get it. And besides postal service is not



so hot. you can send a wooden button brush if you want. you should  
have about \$30 for mine now. If you see a cigarette lighter around, buy it  
with my dough. I don't smoke or any thing. but there's 1,000,000 and I use for  
one over here. I can find for it here. I doubt if you can get one but if you  
do ok. don't get an expensive one but if you do insure it if possible. besides  
a lighter is worth its weight in gold. we get all the milk we want for  
dinner and several oranges per week. and the meals are really perfect. (I had  
my first egg out of the shell yesterday). you sure miss a lot of foolish  
parades and discipline over here. no saluting at all. no Brass to shine. my  
hair was cut last in B Randon. no one bothers you. I have never  
been soed or on any parade but roll call. I see we have a G/C that  
eat in our mess now. so long for now. Bob.

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AIR LETTER

**AIR MAIL**



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*Per Jan 3.*

TO: F/O A.A. ANDERSON.  
SUITE 11. ALEXANDRA BLK.  
BRANDON. MANITOBA  
CANADA

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

R.A. ANDERSON.  
R. 191468  
R.C.A.F.  
OVERSEAS



Dec 26/43. Dear Folks, well its 5 days sence I've written and  
get see it went happen again. Jim on leave now, and I've just finished  
spending 4 days with Jim Kerr in his Camp, considering, I had a  
very good Christmas. I stayed right with him in his Barracks,  
just 2 to a room, ate in the Sgts mess etc. scrounged free room  
and board of the A.F. at night we would go to a nearby town for  
a dance or a show. I was here we came into London. I was day  
we served the airman in their mess. Then had turkey in the  
officers mess and in the evening a big dance in the drill hall.  
so you can see my Xmas was ok beside the fact I was not home  
yes I spent 4 grand day with Jim and his pal, named Mitchell who  
used to live in Brandon his uncle is Johnny Mitchell of western  
motors. I'll come back to Jim's Camp another leave. one night we  
went to a show and a F/O Tooley who used to be at #12 instructing  
came with us, know Dad quite well, says he used to chew the fat  
with him while he was taking link. I also know, a F/O Woody  
Hogg who used to take link from Pof. he sends his best. I was  
introduced to George Buzzie Bawling. DFC. DSO etc and had  
quite a chat with him. got him to sign his name in my log  
book. I'll show you that after I come home. Jim wired home that  
I was here. I hope Mrs Kerr phoned you. yesterday we sure  
had a good time. The padre came up and introduced himself  
to me I had a nice long chat with him, it sure staggered me  
for a moment when I looked down on his sleeve and saw 4 rings  
on it. Jim in London now, its 5 PM and I've got till 10 PM to get my  
train I'll still got 2 days leave and Jim going to run out and  
see Jim manson before I go back. I should get a few

P.S. Cancel the load Bunch I just got one on the beam check



↳ letters when I return. And maybe a parcel (I hope). will damn it I  
had my leather case seized and I've gotten every thing but a tooth  
brush so will you send me one. as I can't seem to get one here. and if you  
see that brass razor of mine. that you screw the handle to put in a blade  
will you send it. I hated to lose that case because you folks send it.  
DON'T send another, send that all thing I used to have if you want want,  
I'm surprised at how quiet London is today. before it was the crowd  
was terrific. oh yes. guess who I saw at the station the other



"day just outside of York. Bob Deacon, say to say hello to his folks.  
say Pop. you're still right about Shelley's grave. his remains were  
brought there recently. so are his wife Mary and one of their kids.  
I had a few spare hours to day. so I walked over London bridge and saw  
the palace + Big Ben. Boy the weather here is grand and warm lately.  
I sort of feel sorry for you folks and zero weather. well that's all for  
now. hope this letter finds you all as healthy and fit as I feel  
so long for now. your loving son. Bob.

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AIR LETTER

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*Dec 26*

*C6091 Jan. 19,*

TO: *F/O. A. A. ANDERSON,*

*# 3 Wireless, # 12 ST. T.S. R.C.A.F.*

*School BRANDON, MANITOBA-*

*Winnipeg*  
*Mon*

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C.F.Q. 11  
40/P&S/1448 (10/42)

FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

*R. 191468*

*Lt. R. Anderson*

*R.C.A.F.*

*Overseas*

*JAN 17 1944*

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Jan 6/44 Dear Pop Well how is everything at #33 All  
is fine here except these last few days its been interly chilly and  
an Englishmans effort for a heater is a thing about the size of a tomato  
can which wont heat anything anyway you cant heat these buildings  
theyre built like match boxes. well all they are is tin sheds just like  
Kendall Smiths oil shed at munga you would wonder how two  
stations could be so different our last one was Perfect this is just  
opposite. 3 hours later. well we were called out for a  
long Cross Country. it took some an hour to put on all  
my kit including electric suit, gloves etc. we got  
all ready, drove out to the hot kite, and they scrubbed  
it. sure made us mad. they gave us flying  
goggles, chocolate, gum, etc. luckily I ate all mine on  
the way to the kite. so when they scrubbed it, the others  
had to hand theirs in. I guess we will have che afternoon  
off now and if so im going over and see jim mason. jim  
only 5 miles away. its a ~~to~~ calm day and jim got a bike  
now so jim cycle over. jim meet him when he gets off  
work and go to a show with him this evening. jim says wont  
him in his bullet and cycle back tomorrow. A.M. boy it sure  
seems perfect to be just 15 minutes from one of my best  
gals. I dropped in on him the day before yesterday and spent  
an hour with him. I guess you know. I spent that cheque  
on a bike. I went to a big city near by and got it and rode  
it back to camp. its sure a dandy. Cost me £9 (40) Complete  
with head + tail light. yesterday I got a can of  
yellow paint and put my name and number on  
the back fender and my sign on. and station on the  
front. so I can identify it. its sure is handy here  
and I dont think ill regret buying it. our  
Bomb-Aimers name is Wilson and hes from Winnipeg  
but hes no relation to the Wilsons we know or are related  
to us. our skipper and Bombarder just got their WO 1 S  
(Built RCAF) and an navigator just got his F/S



11 Crown (his RAF) and has been on as long as the rest  
and WAG is RAF and his Crown is soon due. The rest of  
us are Sgts. our Bomber is very witty, he got a dry  
wit and I get a lot of laughs from him. he very cool in  
the air. our skipper is a short guy, but sure. Can fly  
and I have lots of confidence in him ever since the other  
day when we could not get our flaps down. And with our  
flaps these 4 engine bites come in pretty fast. about 145  
m.p.h. And there was no wind. And the brake pressure was  
gone a slight overshoot might have been bad, we got



was a priority landing and old Ray brought her in right on the  
deck. just at the beginning of the runway he cut her, as soon  
as he did she dropped. about 6 feet and a perfect landing. his sure  
a good flyer. our WAC and navigator are RAF and know their  
stuff too. I like flying here I like it more every time I go up it's  
sure thrilling. riding in the mid upper is like being on top of the  
world. Jim Morrison is getting leave next week and is going  
to meet Jack in London they will be here 9 days together  
it will be the first time they've seen each other  
so that is up. well that's about all for now. I hope  
this finds you as well as I am. 2 long for now. Bob.

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R.C.A.F.

Feb 6<sup>th</sup>

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> + 22.

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TO: F/O A. A. ANDERSON,

#3 WIRELESS SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.

FLYING SQ'N, STEVENSON, FIELD.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

CANADA.

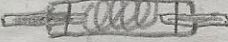
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Sgt B. Anderson  
420 Sq'n. R.C.A.F.  
Overseas

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POSTED AT AN  
M.C.A.F. STATION



Jan 8/44 Dear Pop. well its about 4 days since  
I last wrote so I better get going. got 5 letters  
today 2 mailed on Dec 27. The wrist watch keeps  
perfect time, but, one of those pins (spring) that  
holds the strap to the watch is broken and in trying  
to fix it I broke the other pin. I went into Seeds yesterday  
afternoon to try + get the pins, but theres none in Eng-  
land, the guy wanted to solder a bar in, but it would  
take 2 weeks. so I didnt bother. I dont know what  
to do unless you can send some. ~~Maybe~~ you know the  
type of the watch well the pins fit at either end of it and are  
spring loaded to hold on the strap and look like this 

In the meantime I'll put the Rylova away and use my  
pocket Ben I got in Montreal it keeps very good time. So you  
volunteered for overseas eh. well I know you would want  
to be here and I'm proud of it but its pretty monotonous  
especially for wingless guys and an F/O here has less  
authority than an A/C in a m.i.d. The only thing is leave  
when you can explore the country a bit. I am also afraid  
after what I think you think about it, you might be dis-  
sappointed the country is pretty but its very easy to stray from  
the straight and narrow. you get to a town after being on  
a camp and you want some recreation well there is no  
such thing as a bowling alley - pool room and dances. are  
scarce, the shows are ok. but mostly all old American film  
is seen. But there's lots of pubs and no shortage of "wine  
women + song" but not for me. I'll spend my leave  
with my man or her. If you think you're out doing a  
good job in Canada you're wrong because my pilot has  
got your name in his log book. Our crew is all on C.O.  
so we get along fine. The main - Engineer and W.A. G.  
are Blokes, fairly quiet guys but reliable. I like them  
fine and our sqn now in 420 and now in just 2 1/2  
miles from Jim Manson in fact were a sat-  
elite of his stream so I'll see lots of him. you asked  
about leave. I'll had 14 days now and we



"I should get 7 days very shortly, very often ~~but~~ we  
get days off 3 or 4 a week. of course we can stay out  
all month if we want. but Jim isn't caring much about  
leave. Camp life is soft. all we do is fly and the  
mess is always cheery. Glad to learn how you spent  
Xmas and hope you all got together for new years. I sure  
enjoyed these Reunions in Grandmother Andersons house.  
family reunions like that are one of the finest things  
in the world. I think and Jim looking forward to them  
again. I guess you know by now, but I'll remind



14 You a gain of my xmas. I Certainly didn't have a dull  
time I had the best xmas possible here, with Jim Kerr on  
his camp. I thoroughly enjoyed it, despite the fact I was away  
from home. The rest of my crew have got 5 yrs in the  
Africa so they're no rookies at it. They were converting  
here from 2 to 4 engine bites, 4 engines means an extra Engineer  
and mid-upper A.G. (me) oh yes yesterday I sent home for \$25  
(for my week leave) I also cut my allowance from \$30 to ~~25~~ 20  
per month home. Money sure goes over here. I had just a smuch  
on AC2 pay at home it seems. Well so long for now more in  
a couple of days. so long  
Bob.

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AIR LETTER

*Written Jan 8  
Received Feb 2*



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*# 3 Wireless  
School Wp 9  
Man*

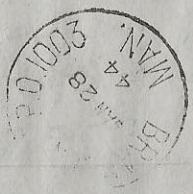
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TO: F/O. A. A. ANDERSON.

~~#12 SETS. R.C.A.F.~~ *5/1/44*  
~~BRANDON. MAN.~~  
CANADA.

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FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

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*6191468*  
set ANDERSON, R.  
B.C.A.F.  
OVERSEAS





FEB 4/44. Dear folks. Well guess what. we had yesterday  
off so our Engineer and I went to the city (a big place  
I know you're heard of just 13 miles away) we thumbed  
in I cashed your cheque plus my own pay and we  
each bought a bike, mine's a lovely one cost me  
£9 or about \$40 that includes a dynamo driven head and  
tail light. It's sure a swell bike. It's English and ~~the~~  
the brake is attached to the handle bars and clamps onto  
the wheels. It's got silver handle bars and rubber pedals  
which most bikes haven't. mine I've got to get some  
paint and put my name on it. the other guy got a second  
hand bike for £6 but his has got gears on it with 3 speeds  
ahead. I rode it it's sure swell. ~~top~~ mine. we went to  
a show and got 8 P.M. struck out for Camp it was a perfect  
moon lit night only thing wasn't took up an hour to find our  
way out of the city. we rode 1/2 way to Camp and stopped at  
an inn to get a bite to eat. and the lady gave us chicken  
which was very fortin fortunate. we got back to Camp at 11 P.M.  
The other day we went over to Jim Morrison's Camp for a lecture  
as soon as we got there I heard it to Jim's section and walked  
in on him. he was part of surprised. we spent a nice hour  
together I thought he was 20 miles away but he's only 4 1/2 from  
the air. His scheme ~~too~~ looks right beside ours. I guess I'll  
go over to see him quite often on my bike. his going to  
Snyder this week to meet Jack they've got 9 days leave  
They just brought the daily papers with the news  
we all made by scramble and I got "The Daily Mirror"  
it's sure my favorite and many others. If you run across  
a pair of handle grips will you send some them.  
It's sure cold and windy here today. Worst day I've seen  
yet. we had a real good tail A.B. Paul Bourcier was  
a frenchman Paul and I got along 100%. we used to do 0.1's  
on our turrets daily and he showed some more about the turret,  
guns etc than I thought existed. Paul has got 150 hours  
in a tail turret. but he's french and doesn't speak very good  
English. and our skipper took a dip into him and got another  
gunner. a new guy green horn like myself for the tail.



11 This ok but I prefer the experienced ones. The rest of the crew liked Paul  
too. Well anyway Paul will go to a french-Canadian. I don't want to get  
a french crew which will suit him, but I hate to see him go it makes  
me sad. I haven't had any mail for a week now, it hasn't been forwarded  
from my old station yet. but soon I'll get a whole pile of parcels. Our  
wing commander is from Regina. I think he's been here for  
some time but he's still only 26 years old, here's a laugh  
for you. On our last station all our crew ate in the same mess from  
w/c to Sgt, and all got along fine, well our R. A. F. Air. Com-  
mander was there and he could not understand how  
officers and men could mix. Well I'll do a letter for



nothing to say. I guess it will soon be going or at least the  
fiercest part of winter will be over when you get this. I'm sure  
looking forward to summer here. The winter is warm here  
but these damned English buildings are not built for warmth  
they're too drafty. And they don't know how to build a stove or  
heater. A fire place is about the best effort they have. I guess  
~~summer~~ summers here are pretty nice at least I hope so.  
I hope you have spent a warm comfortable winter in the  
Block. I sure feel sorry for Walter + Mary. I hope they  
can move to a decent flat alright well do you know  
I had to abandon my good uniform because it's far too tight.  
more soon, love Bob.

ARMED FORCES  
AIR LETTER

**AIR MAIL**

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R.C.A.F.

Written Feb 4<sup>th</sup>  
Rec. " 18



TO: MRS. AA. ANDERSON.  
SUITE 11 ALEXANDRA BLK. 10<sup>TH</sup> ST  
BRANDON, MANITOBA.  
CANADA.

FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

R. 191468.

Sgt R. Anderson

R.C.A.F.

Overseas.

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION



Dear Folks - well this is the first Feb 21/44.

letter I've written for over a week and I can assure you it isn't because I didn't want to, you see we were just up on a flip and the weather closed in so we landed at another drome quite a way from here, the other drome was a U.S.A. drome. I went to their post office but could not get any of these forms or anything but plain ordinary mail which is too slow, I would have wired only. I left my money at our base. I sure hope you don't have too big a gap between letters, the ones it few days get by and with daily we had a perfect 6 days at the Yank field. I wouldn't have minded staying here. The first night there they gave us a swell meal and took us to a nice warm bed. next day I ~~met~~ met some boys and from then on I spent my nights in their billets, their meals were perfect 100% better than ours. I got to know 2 guys quite well, one from Brooklyn N.Y. and one from Los Angeles California. Feb 22 well damn it another day I'll finish this or bust you know. we're being as busy as hell lately I can't even find time to write a letter, we're cleaning guns doing inspection (on our planes etc) we do a lot of night cross countries etc and when we do that we sleep in till noon the next day, then it's a mad scramble again, there will be days as before when I do nothing at all and I'll write lots of these. I guess I sincerely hope that you are never very long without mail, you don't know how low I felt when in one of your recent letters you said "it was 2 days since you've written and you better get busy, I felt like a hell since I haven't written for 1-8 days, but I assure you I



write every possible time  
I have one of these forms  
on me with a moment  
to spare. I got a job more  
smart today, plus 2 parcels  
you're s'it (a book one)  
and one from Aunt Olympia.  
both were in perfect shape  
and sincerely appreciated.  
your letters were dated up  
to Feb 11, I'm doing my  
damndest to keep up my  
diary, parts of it read like  
something you would see  
in a movie show. Well,  
mother in spite of my self  
I'm afraid I find myself  
getting more serious and  
maybe older, with this  
my love for you all, my  
home etc ~~grows~~ grows  
begin and stronger.  
you have no idea of the  
pride and satisfaction I  
get from telling myself



11 that Jim here fighting  
for you. I spend quite a  
few evenings with Jim  
Manson and do I ever enjoy  
them. (so does he) we talk  
about old times at Alexander etc  
and do you know he's just  
an old sentimentalist, far  
more so than I am. I think  
an awful lot of him. got  
a letter from Flo McManis  
at depot, guess I'll soon  
see him. you mentioned  
how the same moon ~~and~~  
looks on both of us. I look  
at the sun and the stars and  
the moon and wonder if they're  
looking down on you. Well  
be sure and thank Aunt  
Myrtle for my parcels he  
sent. I'll write to her soon  
I hope you're feeling better  
now. Jim feeling 100%  
I'll write again tomorrow  
if I can possibly find time  
so long for now. Jim  
love Bel & Dad  
Mans.



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AIR LETTER

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SUITE 11, ALEX. BLK, 10 ST.  
BRANDON, MANITOBA.  
CANADA.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

# R191468  
Egt. Anderson  
4204th RCAF.  
Overseas.

POSTED AT AN  
RCAF STATION



Feb 29/44 Dear Pop. Well I just finished a letter  
to man, so I guess I'd better get one off to you.  
out of the last 12 days I spent 2 on the station.  
so you can see I can't help it. The other dromes  
we were at didn't have these forms and on our  
trips I can't carry these forms. The last place I  
was at was a new Zealand. T. V. And I met 2 guys  
from my course at home the I knew them real  
well and was sure glad and surprised to see them.  
I went to the show with em etc. I introduced you  
to some of them at Mac Donald. An STU is a training  
station where they fly 2 engine dromes. we landed in there  
at 5 A.M. next day. lots of the students were out looking  
over our big 4 engine drome. The newbies I know asked  
me to take them through it. when it got around  
there were about a lot of guys out there who wanted  
to see through it. for they could not go in with  
out a crew member. so it gave me a chance to shoot  
an awful line. when we took off  $\frac{1}{2}$  the station  
was out to see us. so we shot up the place at  
240 M.P.H. we are one of few squadrons equipped with  
this latest dromes up to now the dromes have had  
a total H.P. of about 4400. but our job  
has over 6600 H.P. we cruised home at 210 M.P.H.  
Empty they climb so fast you have to watch your nose.  
And during evasive action we had our right over on  
her back, but that isn't very advisable and got there  
before we knew it. I keep forgetting to send you  
our crew members addresses, well get a hold



"of them at once. I know, when our Bombardier lives  
on Langside a few blocks south of Portage Ave.  
London and some places here are taking the odd paunching  
aren't they? I hope it doesn't get as bad as in 1940-41.  
I don't think it can. The go Luftwaffe is sure losing  
a lot of its planes, and the way we pulverize its factories  
I don't possibly see how they can rebuild it. I have



111) saw German towns blazing so furiously you'd wonder how one brick could be left standing, and it's sure a grand sight. I guess it will soon be sprung at home, for sure, looking ahead to the day when I can see water + slush pouring down 10<sup>th</sup>. Glad to hear you had such a nice visit at Ome Field, you sure seemed impressed with it. Glad you also saw the Wpg Bonspiel, in yes thanks for the pin got my watch up again - more soon, so long Love Bob.



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R.C.A.F.  
Feb 29.  
Mar. 16

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TO: F/O A.A. ANDERSON.....

#3 WIRELESS, SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.

FLYING SQN, STEVESON, FIELD.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA.

CANADA.

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C.F.Q. 11  
40/P&S/1448

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FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

R191468

SGT. R. ANDERSON,

420 SQN, R.C.A.F.

OVERSEAS

MAR 15 1948

R.C.A.F. STATION.

POSTED AT AIR



March 2/44 Dear Pop. Well a grand warm cloudless  
day in England, the second in a row. I guess its  
spring makes me feel rather homesick for I sure  
love home in spring time with the streets ankle  
deep in water and the fields full of little rivers running  
into ploughs, our spiggy is in the hospital  
with the flu. so we just loaf yesterday. 3 of  
us from our crew decided to hitch into a nearby  
City just 10 miles away after dinner. we walked a  
mile or so and then got a lift on a beer truck.  
it was sure lovely walking down the road in the sun  
shine. we got to town at 2 P.M. we had machines  
to do so went through Yorkshire Cathedral. its an  
old old church onebbe youve heard of it. we had  
tea at 2 P.M. and went to a show. and caught a  
bus to Camp at 10 P.M. so we had a nice outing.  
shortly after ~~our~~ our spiggy gets out we will go on  
a 10 day leave starting 12 of march (10 day) so Jim  
probably in London right now. Jim sure looking  
forward to this leave I havent had a (legal) day  
off since Dec 28. ill run up and see Jim first.  
and go to RCAF Reception station to see if  
I can run across Frank McManis or Dorsey  
Glott. yes Sir Jim sure looking forward to this leave  
now I know my way around and know the  
value of the money system etc. and know how  
to get things, when a guy gets leave first  
over here, all is so new and different to



1) him he's just lost and doesn't know how to  
go about things. Well I got my log book filled  
up yesterday, got more flying hours in Feb than  
all the rest put together. my total flying hours  
are now 110 which is pretty measly. And most  
of that is my flying hours. (just checked my watch  
for 72 hours its kept right to the second)



110 have you any word of a transfer to admin yet? I hope  
you get it if you want it. how is Brandon manning  
pool is it running low on recruits? well that about  
all I can think of today. jim try and drop you a line  
tomorrow. right now jim go and have dinner  
and drop a line to me. then I guess jim go to  
the hospital and visit the skipper, well so long  
for now more soon. love Bob.

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#3 WIRELESS. SCHOOL. R.C.A.F.  
FLYING SQN STEVENSON. FIELD,  
WINNIPEG MANITOBA  
CANADA.

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C.F.Q. 11  
40/P&S/1448



MAR 16 1944

MAR 20 1944

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

R. 191468.  
Sgt. R. Anderson  
R.C.A.F.  
Wireless

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION

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March 2/44 Dear mom - well how goes  
every thing on the home front? All is fine here  
today the same as yesterday is a lovely bright  
cloudless - w/ a m spring day. I'm writing this on  
my knee and not doing such a hot job of it.  
I just finished a letter to Pop, our skipper is  
in the hospital with flu and might be there  
for some time so I guess we won't fly for a while  
then we get leave (10 days) starting the 17. And  
you're sure looking forward to it. Boy I wish you  
could see the way Ray (our skipper) flies, he's  
a natural. he's only a little guy, got his w/ out  
a while ago, he's very quiet and modest, he's Cert.  
Amly not rash and very dependable. And he can sure  
put that 4 engine monster through its paces as  
though it were a harvard, quite landings and 3  
engine landings he gets them down perfect. it's  
a pleasure to fly with him, he's always alert and  
on the bit. he'll make F/L and S/L at home  
~~warren~~ look such in a plane. our navigator "Pop"  
warren he we call him is good. and an Englishman  
takes every thing very serious, is married my bishop  
he had a very hard life as a kid, his folks  
picked him about, practically dis-owned him,  
he is very bitter towards something, but he's  
very gentle and we all like him a lot. his got  
a very understanding and good wife I guess she is  
all he lives for. (Ray our pilot is from Vancouver)  
where our Bomb crew is just opposite to  
warren. his Carefree I don't give two - hoots.

Jim Morrison again  
F.S. got after noon off. Joens over to



11 for any thing, a swell guy too and knows his job  
very well. his from W. J. Paul our other gunner  
is from Quebec a Frenchman a heck of a swell  
guy a baker in peace time. Remember I told you  
of him, how they wouldn't have him in the  
crew, well they had to take him and now  
the whole crew likes him for his sure a swell  
guy. Patrick Francis Gough an Irishman



↳ from walk is our Engineer, a well educated Chex, has  
an accent very hard to understand. is very witty Andy  
easy going Pat and I go to town to gether quite often  
his sure a swell guy. Chff wheel house our white-  
less man is R. A. <sup>1st</sup> Appswell guy. And one of the  
best WAGS in the business, well if you're  
interested, I'll tell you more of our crew. no room  
for any thing else now. more soon hugs of love Bob

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*R.C.A.F.  
Written Mar 22  
Rec. Mar. 16*

TO: MRS. A. A. ANDERSON.  
SUITE 11 ALEXANDRA BLK. 1051  
BRANDON. MANITOBA  
CANADA.

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C.F.Q. 11  
40/P&S/1448

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

*M. R. 191468  
Sgt. R. Anderson  
420 Spr. R.C.A.F.  
Ovenas.*

**POSTED AT AM  
R.C.A.F. STATION**

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march 3/44. Dear Pop, well its another lovely warm  
clear day here. This is the longest spell of sunshine  
I've seen since I've been here. all winter it was cloudy -  
foggy - drizzling the roads (which are all paved) had 3  
inches of ooze on them and the ground was terribly muddy  
but I guess you've heard of Yorkshire mud. but the  
last 3-4 days have been clear and the roads are dry  
there's actually a bit of dust on them. Although we  
hasn't bothered one one bit. I wish you could see  
our air field here. mebbe the one a Stevenson field  
where you are can compare with it. A tiger moth  
on a windy day could take off on the width of them  
nearly and they're away over a mile long. And they're  
sure will pull. but if you get off the runway  
you're stuck. fairly fast go off the side and they  
bog right to the wheel and its some some job to  
get them out. I've only seen our skipper do one but  
but he sure made a job of it. the door in the fuselage  
where you climb out is about 3 feet off the ground, well  
when I opened it there was grass coming in. And the  
last unit was on the ground. so you can imagine the  
time they had in getting it out. Saw a funny thing  
the other day. one of the guys came in. and left  
his wheels up. forgot about them. Came in for a lovely  
landing, leveled off, cut his throttles and waited for her  
to light. guess he got some surprise when she came  
down on her belly. sure made a noise. it only bent  
the props. well I just read in DIR 0' and I see you  
eligible to wear the Canadian volunteer medal + leaf or what  
we call the E B G O (everybody's got one) but they're just



∴ a few guys on the squadron whose numbers begin with 2 and they don't get them. Well you ought as well know, I got the turret I wanted that is the rear turret, it's just as safe and you see a rear gunner directs his pilot through flak, search lights, and gives the evasive action from fighters, and gives the skipper a running commentary on fighter attacks. I know now a rear gunner is a lookant an eye so to speak and I know I will only use the guns when it is necessary or when it'll be a fool sort to. One instance for eg. I



"1" once saw a ju 88 about 100 yds on the stbd beam. A perfect shot but he had not seen us, so I told the skipper to swing away off to port and we lost him in the dark. we ought have been able to get him but the firing would only have given our position away to more fighters, a good tail gunner can direct a bite safely through a lot of trouble if he knows what to do, if you see tracer coming up towards you (and I have) swing off and it misses you. our former tail gunner is fenchand when he gets excited gets all balled up, well more soon love. Bob

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R.C.A.F.  
Mar 3.  
Mar 16

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TO: F/O A. A. ANDERSON.  
#3 WIRELESS, SCHOOL. R.C.A.F.  
FLYING SQN. STEVENSON FIELD.  
WINNIPEG MANITOBA.  
CANADA.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

R. 191 468  
Sgt. R. Anderson  
R.C.A.F.  
Overses:

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION.

MAR 15 1948



March 4/44 Dear Pop. I'm about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way finished  
in a letter to man so I guess I'll start one to you  
I got your letter of Feb 24 today. So you were  
through a Lanc ch. quite a size even they well  
a Halifax has a much larger and roomier fuselage.

I think I told you I was a tail gunner because  
I want to be. And here's why. our other tail gunner  
is French and is very hard to understand  
especially when excited. Well as you know a rear gunner  
directs the ship through search lights flak. and  
gives all evasive action from fighters. Well Paul  
wouldn't give an evasive action from another bite  
until he was determined what it was or until  
it was so close that you couldn't get away in  
time. And he would never give evasive action  
for a 4 engined job. Well Jerry is using 4 engined  
bites as much fighters. so I'm glad I'm in the tail  
because when I see a bite whether it has 1 or 4  
engines coming in I give an evasive action that  
will lose him in the darkness as soon as  
possible. for an instance, we once saw a  
4 engined bite drawing in to us and I told  
Ray to swing off and Paul (in the mid-upper)  
said oh it's only a Halifax. and when we turned  
I saw this Halifax of his had a single fin +  
rudder and none of our bites have. so I'm glad  
I'm in the tail doing the directing, so you  
still want to get over here in Pop



11 well, I'll sure like to see too. a few weeks over here  
is ok after that you get so cheezed off you hate it then  
you just go numb to it. some Camps are ok but  
this one isn't. you see it's only a satellite like Chata  
is to AF12 own pay accounts, station theatre canteens  
etc. just a little Y.M.C.A. and a show once in  
a while in the mess - but they're all very old.

I was talking to a bunch of new Zealanders



VI On my course over here they'd for for sooner be at  
Portage la P. One chap who was at #3 wireless, said  
wpy was a dream to any ching ever here and would  
give his left arm to be in wpy again or as he put it,  
"I can't see what they thrive on unless it's custom."  
but I don't mind it. the longer I stay here the more  
I'm going to enjoy seeing Canada again. but I guess  
an English man feels the same way towards Canada, well that's  
about all for now more soon love Ed.

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R.C.A.F.  
Mar 4  
Mar 16

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TO: F/O A. A. ANDERSON.  
#3 WIRELESS SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.  
FLYING SQUADRON.  
WINNIPEG MANITOBA  
CANADA.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

M. R. 19146 f  
Sgt R. Anderson  
R.C.A.F.  
Overseas

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION

MAR 15 1941



Sunday March 5/44. Dear folks. Well Joe only got  
to have so fit only drop a line. I wrote all I know  
yesterday so this won't be much. Well we had  
about 3 inches of snow yesterday and today it's still  
cloudy but the snow is melting and its very  
slippy. Well I read in the paper where the yanks  
Bombed Berlin by day which is some feat I think  
and they're losses were pretty small too. Well another  
week and will be on leave and im sure looking  
forward to it. Well I can't think of a thing to say.  
except im feeling 100%, we've been busy these  
last few days cleaning guns, we got a screw plane  
and we had to clean and oil the guns to our own taste.  
I haven't done any flying for 4 days now and won't  
do much this week then next week will be on  
leave. I believe I told you that when I was  
on the American drome that I had a ride in  
a "liberator" our spyguy "Ray" went too and  
flew it for a few minutes. I went into all the  
gun turrets etc. they're a swell ship only it  
hasn't got the power ours has, it doesn't climb  
as fast or take off as fast. I was all through  
a flying fortress there. They had some thunder-  
bolts there which are single ~~eng~~ engine fighters  
and a Cessna was beside one and it sure looked  
small beside the thunderbolt. Yesterday.



11 I saw the first "Cessna" in flight since I've  
been here it made me feel a bit homesick.  
You see lots of Ansons here though. I got a letter  
from An American I met the other day so I guess  
I'll have to answer it. Our Bomb-Aimer Wilson  
is here beside me writing a letter to his girl in  
Germany yesterday. A bunch of us got called



613  
in before the W/C and got back for not keeping our  
Barracks more tidy you'd think we were back  
in Manning Pool. He also gave me back for my  
hair which I guess is long and I'll get it cut  
tomorrow we had a haircut since we've been here  
well just for heck I think I'd write Eric Levy remember  
him, I doubt if it will get him, but I still rem-  
ember his old address, well so long for now more  
tomorrow, hope you're all ok love, Bob

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R.C.A.F.

Mar 5  
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TO: MISS MARIE ANDERSON,  
SUITE 11 ALEXANDRA BLK,  
BRANDON, MANITOBA,  
CANADA.

FROM:

(Sender's full name and address)

R 5191468  
Sgt R. Anderson  
420 Sqn. R.C.A.F.  
Overseas

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION.



~~1st~~ march 6/44 Dear Pop, Well how goes every  
thing at #3 all is 100% here. we got a brand  
new plane off the assembly line and Paul +  
I have been working on our turrets steady for  
the last 4 days. cleaning the guns, harmonizing  
them etc getting it just to our taste, its sure  
once for the 7 of us to have a brand new latest  
model Air craft of our own practically. our  
other kite was new too (200 hrs flying time) but  
a guy took it up and burnt it just after we had  
it whipped into shape (all his crew parachuted ok)  
A thing I would like to do is parachute jump  
boy I wouldn't hesitate a second in fact I'd  
love to. having a bit of fun lately yesterday we  
were on "sea fishing" we go over the sea make  
sure theres no shipping and zipper away  
from our turrets its sure fun the whole crew  
enjoys the trip and especially the gunners.  
Away before you can see the bullets hit the  
sea. if ever theres a grand sight, its to  
look 10 000 or so feet below at ships in the  
sea with their wake and the sun shining  
on it all. or just the sea itself is grand to  
see at 20 000 feet or so. Another thing we do  
I like very much is fighter affiliation.  
hurricanes come up with us and attack  
us from all angles. I, in the rear turret,



2) give all evasive action and we Corkscrew all over  
the sky climb, dive, vertical banks. you can  
throw these bats around like a harvard and  
fooling. all the time I have my guns to bear on  
the hurricane. There is a camera in the turret and I take  
pictures of him so you can see it. An awful lot of  
fun and good ~~experience~~ experience. Well my hands  
are all greasy and I guess for getting this letter



all dirt. will see more days and will be on leave  
and im sure looking forward to it. I see lots of aircraft  
and still get a big kick out of it. yesterday I saw, a  
beamfighter, thunderbolt, lightening, 2 spitfires  
a mosquito and 2 mustangs in formation quite a  
combination eh? sure looked grand. a mosquito  
took off from here and shot the place up in a dive  
at about 50' you can't imagine the speed it  
was going. will see more soon. hope game ok. love Bob

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AIR LETTER

**AIR MAIL**

R.C.A.F.



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Mar. 6  
" 15. + 16

TO: F/O A. A. ANDERSON,  
#3 WIRELESS SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.  
FLYING SQUADRON,  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA,  
CANADA.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

Mr. B. 191468.  
Sgt. B. Anderson  
120 Sq. R.C.A.F.  
Overseas

MAR 15 1944

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION

MAR 15 1944



March 9/44. Dear mom, Well you've been pretty  
busy these last few days cleaning guns etc. last  
nite we got off early and the skipper (Ray) and  
our Engineer (Pat) and myself went to town and  
saw "I" + Jontay. we had a very enjoyable  
evening. Pat and I or Pat, Paul + I go to town  
at least 2 times per week. Some times the  
whole crew but "Pop" warren our navigator  
seldom goes. he's only 25 but we call him "Pop"  
because he's like a father to us. he lends us money  
etc and he's the only married member of the  
crew. he's very serious. the other day when we  
were walking down the road. he told me why. as  
you know his folks treated him awful when he  
was a kid and he was in the Army when the war  
broke out and he told me of some pretty shabby  
experiences he endured at ~~D~~ Dunkirk which  
he claims aged him 5 years. but he's sure a good  
navigator. took us 1600 miles one nite and we ended  
up only 2 miles off track. It's seldom we can  
drag Ray into town. he's very quiet and doesn't  
step out very much. he's a very modest chap. very  
reliable and calm and boy can he fly a plane. Along  
side of a plane he's only a midget (the size of one of  
the tires) but inside he's sure its master. I like  
to get off camp. I think it does one good to go to town  
and see things etc see some buildings and cars  
that aren't camouflaged. well



11 we were supposed to go on leave in 3 day. but there been  
talk of Canceling it lately which I hope is all wrong.  
thanks for George Mc Gregors number I'd write  
him right away. when we got up this A.M. it was  
so foggy you could ~~hardly~~ hardly see. but I  
see now it has cleared up. I got a letter from Pop  
yesterday sent March 15<sup>th</sup>. I also got a letter  
today from a guy I met from California



11 Who is in Liberators. I met him when we landed  
at their American drome, his sure a swell guy, I  
think I told you that Ray and I had a ride in  
a liberator when we were there, Ray flew it a bit  
and of course I tested all the turrets. Well that's about  
all for now. Jim feeling fine and hope you + Marie are  
the same. I also hope Uncle Walter is O.K. See try  
and get a letter off to Pop <sup>now</sup> <sup>up</sup> to day too long for  
love Bob

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**AIR MAIL**



R.C.A.F.

Mar 9.  
" 15"

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TO: MRS. A. A. ANDERSON.  
SUITE 11 ALEXANDRA BLK, 105 ST  
BRANDON, MANITOBA  
CANADA.

FROM :  
(Sender's full name and address)

R. 191468  
Sgt. R. Anderson  
R.C.A.F.  
Ottawa.

POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION



Monday March 13/44. Dear Pop. Well we're  
going on 10 days leave to write. we got our  
passes and were going over to the pay-accounts to  
get paid in an hour so I guess will go all right.  
things are so indefinite on the squadron you can't be  
sure of your leave till you're on the train. but the  
w/c signed the pass so will probably go. this station  
is only a satellite like Chater is to Brandon and  
Jim at Chater and Jim Morrison is at Brandon, so  
to speak will pay and accounts is at his station  
and were going there so I'll see him today and say  
so long to him. We will get operational allowance  
now which is 8<sup>s</sup>. nearly 2 per day extra. so that's  
ok. I'll take some of these forms with me and try  
and do some writing on my leave. I got my pass made  
out to Bournemouth but I'm going to Liverpool  
first with Ray to visit his Aunt, then I'm going to Bournemouth  
and then to London, so I'm going to see quite a  
bit of England. there will probably be most of the crew  
meet in London and will do the tour up. London isn't  
the safest place in the world to be now either, I've been  
over it a few times, maybe I'll see what it's like to be on  
the other end of a raid. I hope to see Mr. Mares and  
Dorey Platt, I know I'll see Jim Kerr and maybe Mike  
Burns. well I gave a few jobs of gum, life-savers and  
a couple of bars to our Engineer Pat. to take to his  
3 year old sister. the kids over here job very little  
of that stuff and the quality is far below the

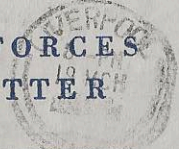


"stuff you send from Canada. don't think Jim trying to get  
rid of the stuff but he said it would sure make her  
a happy kid. you know in a lot of towns when the kids  
see an Air-man with Canada on his arm they run up  
to him and say "Any Candy or gum mister. the other  
day I gave a kid a couple of life-savers and he  
didn't know what to do with them. Its Calder and  
Winder to-day but very clear and thats what I



11 like. My Bomb Guy is sick and chatters on a Cross  
Country we had a different guy whose shipper is an F/O and  
when we get back he just couldn't help but talk about  
Rays w/ yard flying especially the landing. The viz  
was very poor and greased her into the deck as smooth  
as could be. He's sure a natural pilot I just wish  
you could see him he's only a short guy, but boy can  
he ever fly he'd sure make some of these S/P and F/P back  
home on Ansons etc look sick, so long for now more soon. Love,  
Bob.

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AIR LETTER



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R.C.A.F.  
Written Mar 13  
Received Mar 31



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TO: F/O A. A. ANDERSON.  
#3 WIRELESS SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.  
FLYING SQUADRON.  
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA  
CANADA.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

B191408.  
Sgt Anderson  
420 sq. R.C.A.F.  
Oswego

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March 29/44 Dear Pop. Well not much to say  
but guess its time I dropped a line any way.  
its cloudy and a bit cooler today, the weather  
yesterday has been grand. it was sure lovely during  
our leave. spent most of the morning filling  
in my log book. only got about 25 hours in this  
month. we were away for 9 days. here's about  
what we did on leave. we got off at about 2 PM  
went to town got a room. cleaned up, went to a  
dance had a good outers sleep with breakfast in bed  
and got a train at 10 AM. Ray + I went to Liverpool  
and visited to Glasgow. we got to Liverpool at 3 PM.  
and got to Ray's Aunt's about 3.35. its a grand home in  
the Residential district, we sure had a lovely room and  
they treated us 100%. first night we stayed in and talked.  
next night we went and saw the RCAF hockey Championship  
and skated after. next night we saw a stage show, next  
night a circus. we spent one after noon going over the  
docks its sure interesting all the giant ships with  
all the horns going and the dirty salty sea smell  
and the dirty shun area by the docks. another PM  
we saw "Thank youe lucky stars" and we also  
saw a famous foot ball match. (The old man thanks  
to that he an enthusiastic foot ball fan. I enjoyed it  
very much but wouldn't want to see another. Every  
time we went down town we had to cross the Mersey  
river by ferry boat which I always enjoyed. it  
docks about 100 yds from the place where I first set  
foot on English soil. Liverpool also has some



1) very extensive bomb damage. you can't imagine it.  
whole blocks of lovely stores like Hudson Bay etc cleared  
out or gutted its pretty bad. Then we went to London  
and got a room in a grand hotel. as luck would have it  
Wilson got there too and the 3 of us spent 3 perfect days there.  
breakfast in bed etc. we mostly went to shows or dances  
I spent one day with Ken, then he got leave and came  
in with us. I got lost one day and spent hours



"trying to get my bearings. I then came to St Pauls and  
knew I was on the wrong side of the Thames so I crossed  
over and soon got back (you can see St Pauls for blocks  
by its dome). I also saw them change guards at Buckingham  
Palace. Well I started this to Dad and see Joe got  
your address on it so I guess he'll soon read it  
too. Jim's getting lots of mail, hope you are too.  
Can you send me a 620 film? our skipper has a camera  
well more soon hope you're all ok love Bob

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*R.C.A.F.*

*Wed. Mar 29  
" Apr. 5 - 1 week*

TO: *MISS. MARIE. ANDERSON.  
SUITE 11, ALEXANDRA BLK.  
BRANDON, MANITOBA.  
CANADA.*

FROM :

(Sender's full name and address)

*M. R. 191468  
Sgt A R Anderson  
R.C.A.F.  
Anderson*

**POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION**



April 2/44 Dear Pop. Excuse me for not writing but  
the last Couze of ~~some~~ days we've been at a drome  
in the south. we landed there the other night. I don't know  
where you got the idea the Luftwaffe was nearly dead  
I got a kick when you said that ops over enemy territory  
would soon be just a ride. It sounds good to hear of  
terrific Nazi fighter losses, but but "never underestimate  
your enemy." I think the Luftwaffe is a long way from  
dead, but I hope you're wrong. The boys sure took a  
beating the other night by losing ?? hits. It was from  
fighters too. there was no flak at all. I know. I was there,  
but we had a good trip and laid our eggs on the target ok.  
It was a lovely night. moonlight. that was the trouble  
visibility was too good. it was so good that the Bomb aimer  
got a pin point of the Rhine River and that's something.  
It gives me a chill every time we cross the enemy coast  
you can see it so plain. I wish you could see it, since you  
know Jim on ops. I guess I can tell you that to date  
I have six trips in including "The Big town" and one  
over the Ruhr valley which is an unhealthy spot all  
my trips are into Germany except one small run we had  
to France one night. They part I like about an ops best  
is the English coast on the way home. we cross it. turn  
the ~~navigation~~ navigation lights off. I unhook the guns. leave my  
turret with a happy sigh and take a break which by  
now Jim badly in need of. go up and sit by the pilot  
and generally stretch out. 8 hours in a turret and you  
get pretty tired & cramped. then if we are low  
on petrol we land at the first drome we ~~see~~  
see.



And get into the line up to land. One mile we were, 1/4th  
in the line. We've only come to base once after an "op". I'm  
telling you this because I know it's what you like and I think  
you should know. I hope I haven't said anything I  
shouldn't off. I also trust that man will never see this  
please. Oh yes F/O Clayton Bird of Boesseevian joined  
the squadron recently. I see and talk to him quite  
a bit. He's a swell guy and send his best - he did



His first trip the other night. We had a big dance in our mess last night. We got the WAAFS from all stations near by and we had 5 barrel of beer and gin etc. most everybody was pretty high. especially our w/c. the last I saw of him he was being carried out feet first parallel to the ground. We sure had a time. I got parcel # 9 yesterday in 100% shape. why the Cigarettes? do you ~~smoke~~ think I smoke and don't tell you. I smoke a cigarette after a trip and that's all I enjoy it then and that's all I smoke now soon love Bob.

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AIR LETTER

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*Written  
Apr 2/44  
Received Apr 10.  
R.C.A.F.*



TO: *F/O A.A. ANDERSON.  
#3 WIRELESS SCHOOL R.C.A.F.  
FLYING SQUADRON  
WINNIPEG MAN  
CANADA.*

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

*M.R. 191468  
Sgt R. Anderson  
R.C.A.F.  
Dover*

*APR 10 1944*

*POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION*



April 2/44 Dear Pop. Well I just dashed off a letter  
to man so I'll write you one if I can find material  
for one. We're having it pretty soft these days we  
do D.I.'s in the morning and one off in the P.M. This P.M.  
Jim going over and see Jim mansons its his afternoon  
off. Our Engineer my self and Johnnie Walker went  
to town yesterday. Johnnie just got his O/O  
and he bought a uniform. Johnnie was a staff pilot  
at A.O. 3 Regina for over a year. so knows that  
Country like a book. Remember my telling you I  
was in his crew about 3 months ago. his sure  
a good pilot and a swell guy. his from Ohio,  
his crew and our crew share the same hut. he  
married a C.W.A.C on his recent leave. Well its  
muddy and wet again. it was pretty dry, but now  
Jim back to my rubber boots. And I sure speed  
them, at Jim mansons station the other day  
I ran into Baker a chap from my course at  
home first one I've seen for 3 months - he is  
in the same squadron as Everett Rugman. he has  
done one oppo yet. I guess Jim the first guy from  
our course to do oppo. my first try was on  
Feb 15. Remember the biggest raid (up to then)  
the R.A.F made on Berlin? Well that was my  
first and Believe me I was sure nervous. for more  
nervous than any since. I am also happy to that that  
was the first trip our sq did from this base. there was  
only a few of us then but its grown until the  
place is full. Well heres a messing meeting  
on now and were having quite an argument on  
the grub. its getting poorer and was poor to  
start with so were getting a messing



12. Committee formed and will be going to look into this and get some better grub. I bought a wrist watch strap yesterday in town, it's sure a dandy, only it looks awful, it's one of those about 2 inches wide and acts as a wrist supporter too. Say can you pick up any KODAK 620 film in Wpg. Ray has a camera that size and I can get some pictures and send them home. We're getting a pool table and it's going to cost \$200 or \$1000 and second hand at that. The officers mess kindly gave us a pool table with only  $\frac{1}{3}$



"11" of the plate gone so its no good. Well I can't think  
of anything else to say except I hope its warmer and  
I recon it should be by now. The Cigarette lighter  
is still working good. And your wrist watch keeps  
perfect split second time its really working good. its  
just been proposed that we write to Air ministry for  
some back tubs and ministry of transport for a bus  
back from town at 12 PM instead of 9:30, well thats  
about all for now more soon love Bob.

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*Written Apr 5-44  
Received Apr 14-44*



*R.C.A.F.*

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TO: *F/O. A. A. ANDERSON*  
*#3 WIRELESS, SCHOOL, R.C.A.F.*  
*FLYING SQUADRON.*  
*WINNIPEG, MANITOBA*  
*CANADA.*

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

*R 191468*  
*Sgt A. B. Anderson*  
*#2089 RCAF*  
*Overseas*

*APR 14 1944*

**POSTED AT AN  
R.C.A.F. STATION.**



April 11/44. Dear Pop, Well I wish I could  
be half as attentive at writing as you are but  
I'm not. It's not because I don't want to be  
either but I'm not feeling when I say I'm  
pressed for time, we've been flying up to  
4-5 and 6 A.M. these nites well next day  
we don't even get out of bed till 2 P.M. wash  
eat, go to flights do D.I. on our nites and  
find were flying that nite, that's been the  
story lately, were not flying tonite, we just  
got paid and there's a show at 8 P.M. I guess  
I'll see, it's 7.15 now. I got \$8 tonite or  
\$40 I guess they're catching up on the allowance  
I stopped 3 months ago. I also collected \$3 that  
were owed to me and I had \$2 left over so that  
makes roughly \$60-65, we will go on 9 more  
days leave starting approx may 6. (this squadron  
has finally got organized and we get 9 days  
rest weeks which is regulation) I'll save most  
of this dough and what with next pay of  
\$35 and allowances etc beside a months ad  
a pay I'll have a nice sum to go on leave  
with. We've finally come to one conclusion  
there's only one way to go on leave, instead  
of going someplace and sleeping in a hostel

P.S. Received 100% of pay  
Corduroy, Corn  
Grand P.T.



And eating in a restaurant is to save your  
money. And get a nice room in a Central  
by located hotel in London, then when you  
get to London you have the most comforting  
feeling that you have a room even if it costs  
\$14 a day it's worth it. to sleep till noon.  
breakfast in bed etc. go to shows, dances



1 loaf and do as you changed well please. With a  
couple of crew members that's what I'm going to do  
next leave. Instead of madly rushing around,  
sleeping in bunks and eating in cafes. Well I'm  
sure feeling 100% never sick or asthma and getting  
a good share of sleep. I hope you are ok. I also  
hope man doesn't work too much and hope she rests  
a lot. I guess name is ok. Will more soon - love Bob

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TO: F/O A. A. Anderson

#3 Wireless school, R.C.A.F

Flying Squadron

Winnipeg, Man. Canada.

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CFQ 11  
40/P & S/1448

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FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

R191408  
Ext R Anderson  
RCAF  
Quebec

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APR 18 1944



April 12/44. Dear mom. Well day - snab it.  
Paul, Pat and I were going to town tonight  
to see Jweng Berlins "This is the Army"  
but I guess will have to cancel it as we flew  
till 6<sup>PM</sup>. we were up for three hours, supposed  
to be doing fighter affiliation, but we never  
met the fighter. Any way we weren't looking  
very hard for him, so for 3 hours, just the  
4 of us. Pat (Engineer) Ray, Paul and myself  
stogged around England. we went to various  
towns where gup, brew gals or to dreamer  
we'd been stationed and circled them. we  
went to one town just to see an old Cathedral.  
its easy to get lost here and we had no  
navigator or WTC. so I went up to the  
big glass nose with a map and pin-points  
Paul tried his hand at navigation and  
Pat went and rode in the turret for the  
first time. I told him the way to fly  
to get home finally, and we came to a road  
railway we recognized and flew down it till  
we got to the station. so we had a very en-  
joyable after noon I thought. you ought to  
see the nose in these planes. its one piece of  
perspex six feet high and 3 feet wide you  
can stand right in it. I got mares letter  
of April 3 oh to day. Well jio, wearing my  
new orfords I traded those boots for today

" they are sure ok. is canned stuff scarce at  
home? here is the kind of a parcel I would  
like if possible. Cans of Campbell's soup. sandwich  
spread, salmon, cheese, mustard, soda biscuits  
spam etc or any tinned fruit. Cakes are always  
received in good fresh condition in case coffee  
tins etc. The weather here is pretty



1 since now when the sun shines it is very warm.  
we seldom need a fire in the hut now. I guess  
it will be pretty nice at home now too. I guess  
think you'll go to bed pretty soon. I feel a bit tired  
we just had a show in the mess. it was titled  
a night to remember. Well I hope this finds  
you all fit. Mom dont work too hard  
more soon love Bob.

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Apr. 12  
" 19.

TO: MISS MARIE ANDERSON.

SUITE 11 ALEXANDRA. BLK.

BRANDON. MANITOBA  
CANADA.

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FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

R 191468.  
SGT. R. ANDERSON  
42050N. RCAF.  
OVERSEAS

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CFQ 11  
40/P & S/1448

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April 16/44 Dear Pop. I just finished a letter to mom.  
And I guess I can dash one off to you before dinner.  
I got your letter yesterday and I was sure glad to get those  
three pictures. I like that kind of photos. I see you still  
have your battle dress. I wish up to goodness you would  
take that wire band out of your hat and let it droop  
down they look for better. I wouldn't get a new hat.  
If I were you, your old one looks ok. except for that  
band in it, it makes it look too much like a salvation  
army cap. none of the officers over here wear their bands.  
As soon as the film reaches me, I'll get some pictures  
for you. We were up doing fighter affiliation yesterday  
with a hurricane, it was sure fun, and that wouldn't  
make me awfully sick now. I can fly all day  
now and it doesn't bother me at all. we go up there  
and a hurricane attacks us from all angles. I give the  
shyja a running commentary, it might go like this -  
Enemy fighter on the port quarter down flying parallel  
at 1000 yards, he's banking in now, he's coming in.  
900 yds. prepare to corkscrew to port. prepare to  
corkscrew to port. coming in at 800 yds. 700 yds  
600 yds Corkscrew to port G-O. at which ray points  
the nose straight down and banks nearly vertical. it  
makes it nearly impossible for him to bring his guns  
to bear on you. but you can get 29 4 gun bursts on  
him. then the fighter breaks off. and makes another



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"attach its sure fun and good practice too. when we do  
 this Corkscrew. I'm in omid an all the time. With my  
 head on top of the turret is just suspended. there all  
 loose stuff in the plane, just rises and stays there as  
 though by magic. Ray is one of the best pilots over  
 here at tossing a plane around as he wants to. And  
 when we're on an 'up' and I give him a Corkscrew, bomb  
 load or nut you'd think you were in a Starboard. I'm not  
 afraid of enemy bites, if I see them. all or most of the  
 guys who get shut down, never see the Jerry that does it  
 that why I sure keep my eye peeled. If a Jerry  
 around you see him, he will quite often Buzz off  
 and look for another. well this is quite a letter to  
 write on a Sunday, hope you're ok more soon. <sup>love</sup> Bob



**BY AIR MAIL**

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*R.C.A.F.*

*C6091*

*F/O. A. A. ANDERSON.*

*#3 WIRELESS. SCHOOL. R.C.A.F.  
FLYING, SQUADRON.*

*WINNIPEG. MANITOBA.  
CANADA.*

*Winnipeg Apr 16  
Received May 2*

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Sender's name and address :-

*R191468*

*Sgt R. Anderson*

*R.C.A.F.*

*Overseas.*

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Monday April 19/44. Dear Pop. Well how is every thing at #3  
Today. all is fine here except the visibility is pretty poor so I guess  
we won't leave the deck. We wire up yesterday on an sea firing but over  
the sea it was 10/100 cloud we went down till the altimeter said 3500  
and still no break, so we climbed up flew around for a bit and came  
home. it was sure beautiful above the clouds. it was so bright I think  
after a few hours you would be snow blind. I went up into the nose  
was it ever perfect to see mountainous clouds loom up in front  
and we'd dive through them or go through a big valley between them.  
at 200 M.P.H. it was sure breathtaking. Our bite is in the hangar  
today getting the wheels fixed. yesterday when we came in the  
horn was blowing and yet the wheels looked down. Any way they held  
when we landed. Since our ship was in the hangar. I was just  
looking it over and I found a fair sized chunk of Shrapnel  
sticking in her. I took a screw driver, dug it out, I'll keep it for a  
~~power~~ souvenir and show you it after the war. we must have  
picked it up at muremburg. Well in six days I'll be 20 years old. I don't  
feel 20 and I don't even want to be 20. Also starting May 2 we go  
on a 9 day leave. so from May 3 to 11th you can picture  
me in a lovely hotel in the heart of London doing exactly  
nothing, except as I please. to heck with running all over  
the island. I'm going to settle down. I understand the



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1. underground system now and I know how to get around  
If you're in London and don't know just what's what, you  
can have a pretty junk time. I guess Pat, Paul & I  
will go to town tonight and see Humphrey Bogart in  
"Sahara" Saw. This is the Army" And "Demi  
Paradise" last week. See "Demi-Paradise" if you can  
you will see some typical English scenes. It shows  
a train pulling out of Victoria station where I catch one  
to see Jim Kerr. It also shows a London street scene  
just by the hotel I stay at. It is very familiar  
to me and you can see the big dome of St Pauls  
in the Back. Well I hope you're feeling ok as  
I am. I see I have another parcel on the list. <sup>more soon</sup> Love Bob.



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*WINNIPEG MANITOBA.  
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Sender's name and address :-

*R191468  
Sgt R. Anderson  
RCAF  
Overseas*

*APR 24 1948*

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April 18/44. Dear folks. got your letter of April 10  
44 today ok. Well its pretty foggy and very chilly  
here today. We were all in town yesterday from  
2 P.M. It was Wilsons (an Bombardier) birthday. The  
town was sure full. we couldnt get on the bus home  
or even get a taxi so we went to the "Y" to sleep  
on chairs which they did. I found a taxi going to  
Jim Mansons home looking for another passenger  
so I went and walked in on Jim about 12 P.M. theres  
always an empty bunk in his hut, then I caught  
the duty run at 8.15 this A.M. to here. so I had  
a good nites rest out of it any way. As you know  
Jim getting leave on May 2. Ill undoubtedly go  
to London for it. Any way Ill go to Southern England.  
Southern England is beautiful, but this part is awful.  
Jim going to get my P. photo taken in London so I  
can send it home to you. I got an air mail from  
Pop this A.M. too in which he unlawfully enclosed  
a snap. it only took 7 days to cross which is  
pretty good. I am Hughes told Dad to tell  
me to go to a place where Id see a famous old  
—?. Jim just 10 miles from there and that the  
town we always go to when we leave camp. Ive seen  
the old —? so often I take no notice of it  
now. boy the days are long here now. I dont



11 know if its further north than Canada. but its light  
at 10 PM and we never gotten up to see when the sun  
rises but its bright at 6:30 A.M. you will notice  
how brief my return address is its a new  
order, for security I guess, you still send all my  
stuff to the sgrow. though you know it. I got  
a letter from Leo yesterday. I was sure glad to get  
it. I'll write him right away. The last



" Couple of days they've let off 2, 1000 lb bombs  
in a field here. I guess they were a bit dubious  
about them and let them go. they sure give an  
awful blast. imagine what 12 of them would do to  
Crosser Ave. but I saw cars land smack right on  
an ~~important~~ important railway yard. I guess it  
was up to P of men, hope you're getting my mail  
OK. don't work too hard man. more soon love  
Bob.

ARMED FORCES  
AIR LETTER

Apr 18  
Apr 24  
R.C.A.F.



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TO: Mrs A. A. Anderson  
Suite 11, Alexandra Blk  
Brandon, Manitoba  
Canada

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)  
M. R. 191468.  
SGT. R. ANDERSON.  
R.C.A.F.



April 26/44. Dear Pop. Well I just finished a letter to mom. And I guess you got time to bash one off to you. Now I hope you won't show my letter of some time ago to mom. The one I didn't want you to. Now don't show her this one either, she doesn't need to know, till after the war anyway. In a very recent letter of mine I told her ~~of~~ the number of trips I had etc. I'll put some things in her letters so she won't think we've got any secrets from her. ~~Now~~ here's a little incident that happened to Johnnie Walker. You've heard me speak of Johnnie before, his crew sleeps in our hut too. We came back the other night and saw Johnnie, here's what happened to him, over the target. Another bite above them dropped a 1000 lb pounder, it hit Johnnie's right wing, knocked out his 2 engines there, tore a hole in the wing an awful size. And greatly weakened the wing. He dropped his bombs naturally with only 2 engines and back on the same wing, he'd lose an awful lot of height and speed, so they limped home at a speed of 20 M.P.H slower than the rest and at a very low altitude. They landed at the first brome in England they saw, it's a very skillful job to land.

Set yourself before in the letter of thanks. Thanks also for writing long and just



" On 2 engines and especially on the same wing. the yaw  
trig is terrible due to the drag. but Johnnie is an  
ace at flying and set her down in one piece.  
the bit is being scrapped that's how bad it is. some  
fun eh. I sure hope he gets the D.F.C. because he  
earned it. Oh. that some mit keeps such chickens got us  
out of a spot, I'll tell you about when I get home.  
I smoke a bit yes but I do not drink. In



" Certain that alcohol and flying don't mix. it  
greatly reduces mite vision I think and mite vision  
is essential in my job. Alcohol is also hard on  
the ~~nerve~~ nerves, a lot of guys take it. And no  
doubt it gives temporary relief if a guy has  
mental strain, but in the long run it's far harder  
on his nerves. Well don't show this to mom and for  
gosh sake don't give her the impression you're holding  
any thing back. I know you like to tell all, well make  
soon, love Val

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R.C.A.F.

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TO: F/O. A. A. ANDERSON.  
#3 WIRELESS. SCHOOL. R.C.A.F.  
WINNIPEG. MANITOBA.  
(FLYING SQUADRON)  
CANADA.

FROM:  
(Sender's full name and address)

R191468  
Sgt. R. Anderson  
R.C.A.F.

APR 26 1945





AMERICAN RED CROSS

MAY 10/1945

Dear mom,

Well it's all over now, we're at a big airport in Germany, and we might fly out today (to England) we're under American control thank God and no binding Red tape you find in the R. A. F. these boys are really on the ball. This is my first letter incidently although I dare say you'll get telegrams before this.

I might say that the Russians liberated us at Stalag 111A Lueben - walde just south of Berlin on April 22. anyway I'll tell you about it when I get home, 3 of us hitch hiked here but they are F/L and now we're split up damn it.

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Jim in a beautiful American Reel &  
lounge as I write theres a roar of  
D.C. 3 Engines taking off with the  
boys. Jim in good health. I dare  
say you've read and heard of the  
rough treatment some P.O.'s got  
& And we worried a lot because  
you might think some of us were  
here ~~by~~ but we are ok. Will see  
you soon. love Bob.



May 31. 10 P.M.

Dear Folks. just a line, we've been on this boat over 24 hours and are getting anxious to move. It's the "Louis Pasteur" not a bad ship but fairly small. we eat good so maybe I'll get a good rest and put on some weight.

Considering I've spent a year doing nothing I've stood the last 3 weeks ok. our stomach aches, feel 100% even though burning the candle at both ends. I keep meeting guys I used to know back at swimming pool, I.T.S. etc. today I met Howard Robinson on deck

going home after a tour, finishing a tour now isn't what it was a year or so ago when they used to knock down up to 97 planes a month.

I have good quarters (my name starting unit 'A.') the fellows at the last are in the hold sleeping in hammocks and floors (all officers & P.O.W) they're pretty mad about it and I don't blame them. Well should be in Canada in a week, I say it too myself but still can't ~~grasp~~ grasp the magnitude of it. can't say I'm sorry to leave England. I'd sure like to fly out fast they seem to have some pretty good ones

P.S. I think you know that I'm sorry that I don't think you can blame me too much.



types of planes out there, my old squadron  
is flying home to train. Paul, myself, Jim  
Sumner, Witcher and nearly all R.C.I.F.  
P.O.W's are on here. The Canadian G.C., our  
wray was here. The boys sure like him



He's a real guy (he used to beat Sagan with  
us.) well I'll be home very shortly now.  
again I say don't meet me down east or  
don't meet the train. let me come home  
and find you there. I'll wire telling you the  
day I'll be in. tell them love Bob.

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