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Dear Cousin Rose,

I received your letter on Tuesday, but waited to hear from Simon first before answering. I hope to see him either Saturday evening, or early Sunday in New York. I don't know whether you really wish to go there this weekend, but perhaps I will give you a phone call on Saturday evening, as I don't know what Simon is arranging. You see, he has relatives there & might want me to visit them, and may fix up a programme.

So if you don't hear from me, please leave it until next time, which may be soon, so I hope to have a few days off at Christmas, & may still be here, as I have heard nothing about moving yet. Simon says that the snapshots turned out very badly owing to something being wrong with the camera, they were very blurred. He will try again and perhaps have better luck.

We are having a very easy time here, although I flew every afternoon last week for 2 to 3 hours, practising originally from plane to plane, & map reading. But this week it has been misty & none of us have flown since Monday, when I had 3 hours with a Gunnery exercise. Another crowd of 30 Observers have come from Pensacola so we shall have less opportunity to fly now.

I have heard from my Cecilia, so you call her. She writes at least once a week, & I send long letters as often as possible

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My young married brother & his wife have written too, to say that all is well, & every cheerful. They are looking forward to my return, to tell them all my experiences. I have been to Richmond the capital of Virginia, & last weekend was at Washington D.C. which was a great town with its buildings, monuments & wide streets & squares. I reckon you Americans are proud of your capital, & you have every reason to be. We hitch hiked the 200 miles each way taking an average of 7 hours.

The weather was fine & warm, & we managed to see most of the places in the few hours we were there, though as it was Sunday, & time was short, we did not go inside except to the top of the Washington Memorial.

Now I have got to see New York & then I will feel that I have had a good trip to the States, & can form an opinion of my impressions.

Everyone at home is envious of the golden opportunities I have had which don't often come to us in England. I will certainly remember the great welcome I have had everywhere particularly from my cousins in Philadelphia.

Hoping to see you very shortly & to find you all well.

Your cousin, Archie