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**Letter, W. N. (William Neill) Bogan, Jr. To His Parents and Family,  
May 27, 1943**

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St. Petersburg, Fla.  
May 27, 1943

Dear Mom & Dad,

I'm going to quit saying I'm sorry I missed a day or two, not because I'm not sorry, but because I know that you realize by now that I just can't write every day. I'm spoiled, too. I haven't heard from you since noon yesterday. Dad has been so good about writing, while he's home, that I couldn't help but wonder if he has gone.

Well, guard duty wasn't so bad after all. I got more sleep than I usually do, but it was so interrupted that it didn't seem like it.

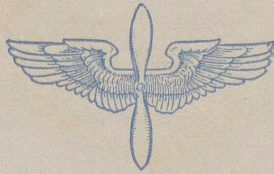
The party Tues. night wasn't so hot. The permanent party men kind of had a monopoly on the girls. They knew them and we didn't. You could have a good time if you



enjoy drinking a stomach full of beer, but that let me out all the way around. I came back to the hotel and got a good night's sleep.

I mean I thought I was going to get a good night's sleep. All but our flight were on h.p. yesterday, and they woke us up at 3 when they got the rest of them up. We didn't catch it because of having guard duty the day before. They let us go back to bed about 4 but that kind of ruined my rest. However we didn't have to do any thing but sit around the hotel in case some of them got sick or something, so I caught up on my sleep and laundry. I went to town last night and I finally got my picture taken. I got the proofs Sat. Hope they are good. I'm getting one made for ~~you~~, one for Dad, and one for Grandmother Hogan. If you think I should get one for any one else let me know, and I'll see about it.





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Just call me Dempsey. I'm trying  
out for our training groups boxing  
team. They're all strictly amateurs,  
and if any blood at all is drawn  
they stop a fight, so I don't think  
I'll get my beautiful profile flattened.  
We work out in a separate group  
while the rest of the Sqd. has calisthenics  
and runs the obstacle course. I don't  
even know if we get to fight, but  
it takes a little of the monotony out  
of the physical training. We box  
60's next Fri. night!

I got my bathing trunk and the  
Miss-a-Sip last night. Thanks so  
much. I forgot that when I said I  
hadn't heard from you. I'm glad  
Tex & Betty are using my camera.  
Hope they got some good shots. Thanks  
for the papers, too. I see Henry was  
sworn in in special ceremonies. It's a  
wonder Gen. Arnold didn't come himself. I  
seriously doubt if Henry can make it.



I don't believe he could take some of  
the things we have, and his training  
will be much tougher. I'll put my  
money on you ahead of Henry any  
day. Got a nice letter from you  
the other day.

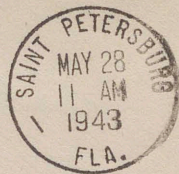
Well, I'd better get a little shuteye.

all my love,

Buddy



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