

Dear Prof.

I got your letter earlier this week and was glad to hear from you. Things here are almost as they were back in the states for awhile I was pretty busy then suddenly nothing happened. Just as I started to go food the bottom fell out of things. I haven't been on a mission in a month - at least - not since the day my first pilot talked himself into a mission I was to go on. He forgot to come home again. In that instant I was most fortunate but since then I've done nothing but - as we say here - spin my wheels. It means "getting nowhere, fast". Maybe things will change now that I've changed squadrons and will now try to add on to my score of 6 missions. Those six entitled me to the "Wilkie Fulton" - Air medal.

Maybe I misinterpret the word "ironic" as you've used it but the fact that I went to Cambridge didn't surprise me. I've always been interested in such things. Maybe I didn't give a scholarly attitude while at Wagner but then I never give off the impression of my feelings. Also I thought while I was at Wagner, I told you why I couldn't devote the time I should have to the subjects in which I was most interested. I know Dr. Dunham never believed it, even though he was given more than ample evidence. - But all this is leading me astray. I meant to start to tell you that I'd been to Cambridge again and learned something you might be interested in just in case you do come here sometime.

This time I visited King's, Trinity and St Andrew's Colleges. In peace time this town lives off the University. Everything here is the University. King's College is about the oldest. Peterhouse being the oldest. It dates back to 1480. King's was built during the reign of Henry VI. Its Chapel is very large and beautiful. Being built before the Reformation it has the Chantry chapels, common to chapels, - large ones - of the time. In these chapels - built to the sides of the main chapel - the priests chanted the early morning mass. In Trinity's chapel lie the bodies and statues of Lennox, Bacon, Walpole and many other notables who taught there. It's smaller but in no great sense less beautiful than King's. In St Andrew's was something which pleased me no end and I found it

quite by accident. It is a swimming pool, complete with
bathhouse dating back 300 years. There is a story about the
pool which is the college's "skeleton in the closet". I got
it from the caretaker who appointed himself my guide and
historian. ~~But~~

On the spot upon which we were standing a crime, which
is as old as man and as new as the present, was committed. It
seems there were 2 students of the college in love with the
same girl — old story —. One night while both were
swimming one boomed the other's head causing him to
topple into the pool and drown. The next day at the
inquest it was decided that the head injury was caused
when the student dived into the pool and struck his
head against the stone bottom — it was but 7 feet at the
spot —. The culprit then married the fair damsel and —
supposedly — lived a blissful married life. He confessed the
crime on his dying bed 40 years later. This happened 200
years ago.

The pool itself is very beautiful, lined with shrubbery
and beets of budsworth, melton, and others who taught and
were master's there. There is a mulberry tree which Melton
planted when he was master and it has very tasty fruit
The next time I go to Cambridge I hope to be equipped with a
camera and swimming trunks. All the colleges are built
in a system of courtyards and look very nice and beautiful.

There are other points of interest all over town. In
one little street is a church which is the oldest building in
town. It's tower dates back to the Saxon's — 1050 to be exact
— 16 years before the Norman. Their workmanship was very
crude but most effective and durable. Next door is a tea
house — the Friar House —. It is the second oldest building
in town dating to 1500. Incidentally the name of the
church is St Benet's. It is a small one but very pretty
inside. There are so many places of interest in the town that
one can't do it in 4 hours — time off for travelling —
I shall go back. It is a nice looking town and one can
relax despite the evacuees. I'd like to see it in normal

times.

I've been to London once but didn't stay too long. I went to Hyde Park and listened to a bunch of crackpots expound their theories of what post war conditions should be like. I travelled through the Parliamentary section and Trafalgar Square. It was interesting there but only had the time to go through hurriedly. Maybe after I go to Cambridge once more I'll go to London for more sights although from what little I've seen I don't like it as well as Cambridge. Other than the Parliamentary section it's too much like any other large city. I also went down to hear the London variety of buzz bombs. I had seen and heard them before but was curious to see how they were in the "Big Seven". It was fortunately - a comparatively quiet night. They do a lot of damage in congested areas but are too inaccurate for effective military use.

I guess I've run off at the mouth too much already so I guess I'd better shut up. My ambitions are still the same although with the grace of God I'd like to have a plane of my own to fly as I wish. Give my regards to all.

Sincerely
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