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Dear Mr. Schlundt,

While leafing through the 385th Bomb Group letter, I saw the notice about the 63rd AAF Base at Douglas, Georgia.

I enlisted in the A.A.P. in the fall of 1942 but was not called to duty until early 1943. I was in the 43 J class. After spending several weeks at Maxwell Field for Pre-flight training, I was then transferred to Douglas, Georgia for Primary training. If my memory is correct, my instructor was Robert W. Wilson.

My next stop was at Cochran A.F.B. in Macon, Georgia. There we flew the infamous Vultee "Vibrator". It was here that we received our first night flying. My next stop was at Blytheville, Arkansas where we flew twin engine AT-10's. After receiving my wings and 2nd Lt. bars, I was transferred to Lockbourne A.A.B. in Columbus, Ohio. It was here that we were introduced to the B-17. In my opinion, this was a great aeroplane. The next stop was at Drew Field in Tampa, Florida where I picked up my crew. They were a fine group of men. We trained at Drew in night flying, daylight formation flying and above all, practice bombing.

From Drew Field, we went to Hunter Field near Savannah, Ga. We practiced low level flying for a few days and then picked up a new B-17. We flew this plane to Bangor, Maine, then to Newfoundland and then to Kutt's Corner, Ireland where our beautiful B-17 was taken from us.

We were then transferred to the 385th Bomb Group located north-east of London near the town of Elmwell. We flew practice missions for several weeks. Our first mission was a milk run but from then on the missions became quite rough. Our B-17 was named "Slick Chick". After several missions, I was promoted to 1st Lt. It was at this time that we became low squadron leader and held that position until we completed our 35 missions. I received the DFC and the Air Medal with 4 Clusters. Near the end of our mission, I was promoted to Captain and held this rank until I was discharged. Our top turret gunner was hit in the knee by shrapnel and was not returned to combat duty.

After completing our missions, we returned to the States. I was transferred to Lockbourne Army Air Base and became a flight instructor until the war was over. During my stay at Lockbourne, I was transferred to Lubbock, Texas on temporary duty. We flew AT-6's and were under the hood for specialized blind flying. This included "blind" landing techniques.

My wife, Lois Ann, and I were married in Jan. 1945. We have one son, "Rick" who is married and has three boys and wife Karen. Rick is Director of Finance and Budget of the Pittsburg, Pa. school system.

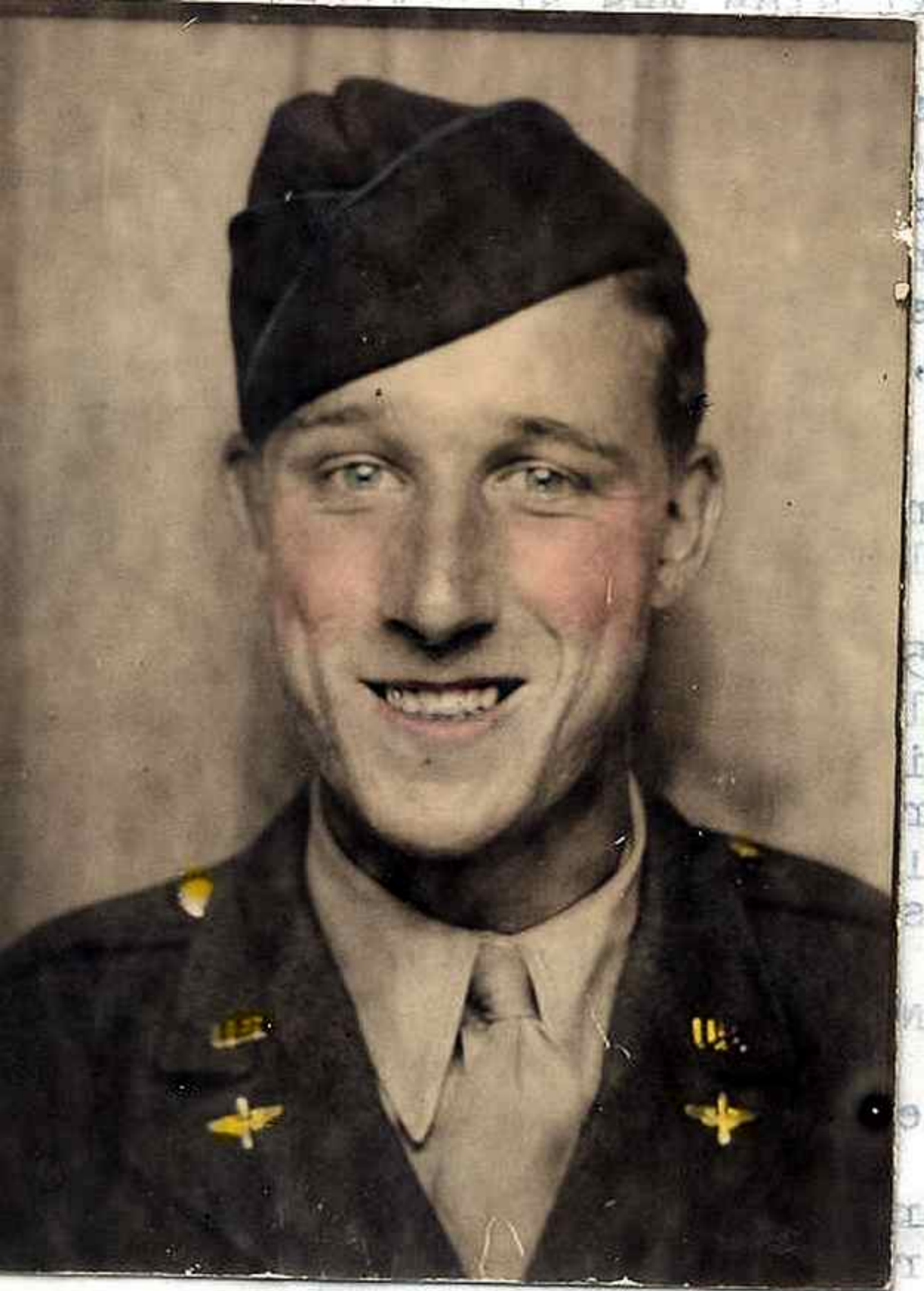
Upon discharge, I went to Commercial Banking and found it to my liking. I spent 40 years in banking and retired in July 1966. During my last 15 years in banking, I was senior Vice President and Treasurer of this 150 million dollar bank.

Very truly yours,  
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