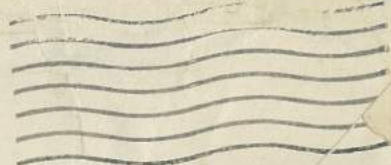




Miss Joan Gillis
~~R.R. #7~~
313 Vancouver St.
Victoria New Westminster,
B.C.



Handwritten scribbles and marks, possibly including the word "LOVE" and a signature.

Dances, skits and sing songs.
I had a merry time.

I'll have to close for now;
it's getting past the nice hours.

Will you write and let me
know how you ~~all~~ and the rest
of the gang are doing?

Bye for now.

As ever,
Joan.

General Defewer.
Mapath, Alta.
July 27/48.

Dear Joan,

After a century of silence, here I
am once more. Miracles do happen
don't they. How are you Joan? are
you getting tanned on the beaches -
those wonderful salt-water beaches? I
can almost smell the sea now.

Joan - it's really difficult for me to
write a letter nowadays because I have
never written one for years, - well, almost
a year. It's been quite a while since I
wrote you last (and how) and a lot has
happened around here lately too. For example,
I am now AC 2, Nakamura RCAF.
as of July 20. I had been trying
to get in for some time and finally
after I sent my report cards, references etc.

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in the air force. I hope that
it will do me a lot of good so
that I may be able to do something
with myself later on.

By the way, do you see Betty?
I am enclosing a pic of myself
for you and Betty. Could you give
it to Betty? I shall write to her
next time.

Last week end I went to
Waterton Lakes and spend a couple
of days there. It was really swell
to get among the trees and hills.
I went to the Canyon Church Camp,
a camp sponsored by the
United (by the U.S.) Church. We
went for hikes, swimming, fishing,
climbing and at night we had

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I received a telegram of my acceptance
as photographer. I went to Calgary
and had to write 5 exams and had
a medical. After 2 days on July 20th
I was sworn in. And now I am
on my way to Trenton Ontario on
X August 17th. I get 12 weeks
basic training there and then I go
to Rockcliffe Ontario to train
as a photographer.

I was hoping that I could
go out to the Coast on my holidays
but that will have to wait.

You may be wondering why
I joined the R.C.A.F. Well Joan,
I just couldn't see any future for
myself in working in a store, or working
in Alta. I know that I will be
able to study and kept out of mischief