

How do you like the envelope?
Not bad, eh? A laddy of (Tues. After.
mine, John Quinn, did it!) 2:00
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Dear Sweet Folks &

See, 3 swell letters (of
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday)
from you! One from Ruthie,
a box of cookies, candy, nuts,
& apples from Grandma today
& swell conversation with the
nearest family a guy even had
yesterday!!

It was swell to talk to you
& I would have you all. I want
atk to hear you at first, Dad
or Dad, but was at the last.
See, I am feeling fine & am
so glad you are all ok. It
seemed almost like being home

when I talked with you yesterday. I could just picture all of you! Oh, you're neat people & have for a family!! I think all of us are very happy spirits now & are really glad of it but always miss you! I don't miss you any less now than when I was here but am simply becoming used to it again. Talk of the "love" of you all the time & think of you all constantly!

Perhaps, this may come as a sort of shock to you & then again, maybe not. The way you read minds, even, & the way you sort of read minds,

Dad, you may have suggested.
 Well, how it is: I want Ruth
 & come out & marry me
 as soon as I'm assigned to
 a squadron. We'll only be to-
 gether for a few months
 but as long as we're planning
 to be married right after the
 war, why shouldn't we be now?
 We're both plenty in love &
 are absolutely sure of our-
 selves. No, it's not this crazy
 war that makes me think
 as I see some 'cause if I were
 a civilian in college & there was no
 war, I still feel the same way!
 Yes, I know, this only is &

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only 20 but, what the heck,
lots of "kids" are married
& being married now days.

I know, too, that it's a whole
of a responsibility I take on
but I think that in spite of
only 20 years that I can
handle it, don't you? I know
I'm going to "come back" but
it would be easier to come back
if I had her for a wife. There's
no sense in her just being
engaged to me & waiting for
me - why not wait for me
as my wife?

I have written her today
& asked - pleaded with her

Saying "yes". I told her how
much it meant to us both
& that I realized how hard it
would be for her to leave home
— & especially without her
parent's permission but as
long as we're in love & I'm
still here in this country,
why shouldn't we be able to
stay — together? I also told
her that as soon as I went
"over" that she could go back to
school & wait for me & that
if her folks didn't want her to
come home, that she'd be per-
fectly welcome & expected to
consider my home — you — as
her own. Don't I right? I'm

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absolutely sure of what I'm
talking about & that I can
afford it. I pray God
that he'll see it my way, too!

I guess I sound a little
crazy don't I? Well, I am

crazy about her. She's
only 18 but has a lot more
sense than most girls who are
much older! She gives it lots
of love & am positive that
I'm right in my thinking.

Please, agree with me. Thanks!

Maybe I'll be able to get down
to earth again, tho I can't
help it tho. & am sure you
know just how I feel!?

So you're smoking a pipe
now, eh, Dad? It's ok by
me 'cause I'm sure you'll have
some smagk & quit a while
before football season & train.
I'll get you in really "shape" with
it!! Have a good time, kiddo,
but be careful! I'm glad
I hear about Connie, too. I
think I was right? How about
it?

Tell Aunt Cleo I get "on
the ball" again soon!

Mom & Dad has a good deal
living at Scott Field as he can
make it home from this point

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after. If you see him, tell him
I say hello & not to take his
"Washing out" too hard cause
the Crofts are noted for making
the damnedest mistakes that way!
This a good kid & will surely
make this ok! Tell him
to keep on the ball & not
be discouraged & ^{too} disappointed.

The whole entire Air Force
is restricted so I don't know
when I'll get a pass again. He
orders from the War Dept. so
it may "mean something"!
They have 28 B-29's at SAC
Air Base & I hear that they

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and the only kind of ships going
round now so maybe I'll
get one - lots hope!

So Dad wrote that letter
ok, ok? I'll him I say thanks
& I'm glad everyone rec'd their
cards. Tell 'em all I say hello.

Bay, is there ever a lot of
snow out here. It snowed all
day yesterday & all last night so
you can figure, that I have to
wade over here to the S. C.!

Wow! I've really been having
some wonderful business around
you, Dad. This going & "more power
to you" as Mr. T. S. Whitacre says!

How's my spirits sound
- or really good? They are
but for anxiously waiting as
~~well~~ ^{well} from my throng!

Say, Nels S. is doing ok
by himself. Good enough!

Too bad you didn't win the
\$550 at Bank Night. Morn. It
would have made a nice wedding
present, eh? - I hope - I hope!

I checked "Guadalupe
Diary" out of the library here &
frimble "Queen of the Road"
yesterday. Now all I have to do
is find more time to read! They're
both swell books!

Tell Tommy Maca I say
hello! His a swell kid I was
with, Pal!

Yes. I'm wearing my father's
watch band 'cause my other
one went to pieces & the one in
about 4 places so is short!
I would like to have a new one
as nearly like the other one as pos-
sible! But can you get in?

Tell Tommy to go right ahead &
sell the Bulova & take it off
my bill. I trust him to do it
ok. His a "right" guy!

You remember Ruth's folks
- mother - told her she couldn't
have a new coat? She got it!

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Ma. Ma. That old hen!!

Hope you all had a good time
New Year's Eve. Who'd you kiss,
Dad? Ma. Did you wish you
had something like Ruth's laugh?
Did you get any ideas about her,
Frank? or will wake up with
a split throat + no blood some
day. Ma. Ma. Gee, I'm feeling good
today. Must be love - Mamma!

Tell Lanna I say hello +
thanks to Grandma + kisses
to both of 'em. I hope Lanna
had a T. & J. for me!

Wish I could be with you +
Bro. Gee!!

This is all the paper I got along
so till next time Love & Love!

*(I hope you know
what I'm doing)*