

Mon. Eve.

9:30

3-20-44

Dear Swell Family:-

Well, I missed writing you yesterday & didn't get any mail from you but I did get 3 + ⁴ - from you today. - Thursday's, Friday's, & Saturday's letters. I have plenty of material & will so may be I can develop this into a long one & make up for you - today. Okay?

Todd, Pomroy, Spain (1st Engineer on crew 3121), & I went horse back riding yesterday afternoon for 2 hours. We really had fun! I wish you could all see ~~the~~ this country out here. It's pretty from the road but when you get on a

& go back into those hills, it's
 actually beautiful! We went
 up into the Garden of Gods -
 will take a "backboard" or a
 car up there, Mom. cause I
 want you to see it - by a
 road & show the horse I
 was riding decided she wanted
 to go home by a back trail
 & nothing I could do would
 change her mind. I'm glad
 I couldn't cause I wouldn't have
 missed it for anything! I've
 seen a lot of motion pic-
 tures of places like that but
 they can't do it justice! Mom-
 my came down that back
 trail with me & all at once
 he shouted, "look at those

2 deer over there." They were
way up on another mountain.

"I looked & then yelled, "Two,
Hell! There's 4, no 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
10 — + then I stopped yell-
ing + counting cause there
was more of 'em! About 15
minutes later, we reached
the horses + then, about 25
or 30 feet away, they stood.
I don't know how long we
stopped there. ~~The~~ They looked
right at us + we looked at
them. How many were there?
I don't know cause I was too
spellbound & count 'em. I
know there was at least 20
right there. Then about 5 min.

later later, they were way upon
the other side of the mountain.
I'll never forget that ride down
there. There as long as I live!!!

On the way up to the
Gardens of Hook, we raced &
I mean I tell you, we really
gave those horses hell! Port-
er & I held for a while as
he had the best horse of the
pair. Regardless of which horse
I rode, his was just behind
the horse in front so I'd get
spattered with mud. But, it
was really fun!

I wish you could ride
when you come out, more. I

could get you a very gentle
home & we'd walk all of
the time. I know, it sounds
silly but you'd never regret
it for a minute! Think if
you will you?

We got up at 3:30 this
a.m. in order to get down &
tripping by 4:30. All but 2
of the 14 crews in my flight
showed but us & another. We
don't need it so we got a lot
of extra time off and it is the
end of 1st phase & they're
trying to get the other crews
caught up.

Due to the fact that 3:20
was on "sanitary orders," this

a.m., I missed breakfast so
went over to the cafeteria about
7:30 + ate. Had some really
good smoked sausage, 2 eggs,
toast, tomato juice, + a quart of
milk.

Today was our day off but
I was dead tired so I tho' I'd
lie down + rest a while - I
woke up after 4 1/2 hours of
sleep. Went to the 6:00 show
- "Lady in the Dark" - Ginger
Rogers, Rex Millard, Warren Ber-
ton, + Jon Hall. I enjoyed it
a lot! I don't like this war
pic much. Much rather see
a good musical comedy or a
picture about the good civilian
days - that is coming back.

It one o' these smile days!

Whom, the radio operator
on crew 3121 - from Columbus,
Ohio, is getting married & his
girl from St. Louis in a couple
days. This right on top o' the
world! Wonder if that could
happen to me if Ruth comes
out?

If he folks deprive us of
this - what may be our
last - happiness together, I'm
absolutely sure with me. It
means too much to both of
us & have 2 selfish people
keep us apart. They should
know by now that they
can't stop us from loving

each other + eventually being
 together! I once before told
 some people that I wanted
 nothing whatsoever to do with
 any more + that I could
 very easily get along without
 em. I meant it + have done
 very well without their best
 wishes + the same applies to
 Ruth's parents. If any thing
 should ever happen to me
 or mine, I'll know that "those
 people" + the Cause - especially
 the latter - will actually be
 happy about it! I know it's
 a terrible thing to say but I
 believe it to be true. I hope
 that if it does happen that

They'll realize just how much
they've hurt their own daughter!
As I said before, + I have
enough Sand + Whiskey.

Stallman in me & keep my
word, I'll never have any-
thing to do with the good
Rev. + Mrs. Cross!! I'll
never Ruth; but I'll never
be their Son-in-Law!

Enough of that!

Boy, it really ^{has} snowed
today! Started about noon
& is still coming down. If
it keeps up ^{till morning}, will surely have
a foot of it + lots o' big
drifts.

We brief at noon tomorrow
but I doubt if we fly because
of the snow.

How do I like the news?! I
sure hope I can get them soon
enough & help make some of
the same! I will alright! They
are starting things now but
wait'll we really get started! I
know that after the war, the
Infantry men will claim they
won the war. True, it would
be a hot fight without us but
it would be a hell of a hot
longer war without the air &
sea power which we now have.
They are playing the major

parts in this war but no
one factor will we win
any war! Spring isn't quite
here yet but let's watch &
see if I am not right about
the time of the big grand-
spring - & the end of the
war - Fall of this year or
winter of this year & end of
'45!! I'll bet I hit it this
time!

I may be - & I hope I
am - but I don't think you
went to the doctor even after
I ordered you to go. At least
you haven't mentioned it in
your letters. Sister, Fook, the
old Sarge is telling you! See?

Am glad to know your feelings.
 Let's see!!

I would have phoned
 you tonight but I didn't
 want to ruin that show &
 I'll have time tomorrow night.
 Hope you didn't wait too long
 for my call. Sorry if I dis-
 appointed you or ruined your
 evening.

Shove down key graders
 sort o' take their time, eh,
 Dad? They don't give a damn
 for any body. What'll they
 do for a job when this war
 is over? Stand in line with
 some o' them shavetail for
 W. P. A. employment!

How did I come out about
missing the bus for the ranges?
Went some o' that ole "sales-
man ship" + got 4 hours
off + "one o' my boys" marked
me present. No, I didn't miss
it on purpose but I'm damn
glad I got away with it!

Wrote & quit but it's getting
late + for done pretty well. haven't
I. So till next time - tomorrow
when I call -

I Love you all
Glen