

Sat. Eve.

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Dear Small Family:-

Oe Gods! I have from
Watus here from you to answer!
Now that we have started 2nd
Phase, we all once again busy as
hell. I know I haven't written
for the past 2 days but didn't
realize it till I sat down to
write just now. I'm awfully
sorry, honest!

I suppose that you have my
telegram by now. I hope that
you can work things out okay,
mom. I, too, would rather you
come in May, just before June,
but I want to see Ruth so
badly & it seems to be not only

way I'll have a chance. She
will have to leave the 2nd at
nite but you can stay on
for a while longer while she
goes back alone.

I think her folks are
pretty narrow minded if they
can't trust her alone with me
but from them, I'm surprised
they'll let her come under any
circumstances.

I'd like to marry her & keep
her here till I leave but I
guess will be better off if we
waited.

She wrote one of her
letters in the "Smoking Room"
at the Dome & said she won-

And if you knew she smoked
 & wondered if you did, Mom.
 She wondered what you'd
 think when she smoked on
 the train. I laughed! I'll an-
 swer her letters when I'm con-
 vinced with this one & tell her
 that you are aware of the fact
 that she does smoke & that you
 don't mind. And I'll also
 tell her that you don't make
 a habit of smoking but that
 "I wouldn't put it past you to
 smoke one once in a while &
 be sociable!" He He!!

I got my laundry yes-
 terday - it arrived Thursday

but I didn't have time to get it.
I have it repacked & on it's
way to you already. It was
small, hon, & heavy a lot!

Which one of the sweat-
shirts did you like, Dad? Here
you can have it! Next time
it's in the laundry, just
take it out & keep it & I'll get
another! No trouble at all.

Was glad to get the comb
& cutter for the hairmaker, too.

Dad. Have used it & it sure makes
a whole of a difference. Happy!

Yes, Dad, it is really
beautiful up in the mountains.

Some of us are having rock &

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other parts of it have vegetation on it: Trees (small ones), chaparral^(s.p.), grass, & brush of all kind. Sounds kinda ugly but it's just the opposite. I never saw such color!

Yes, Bill Barker. Dicks, & those kids so awfully young & he leaving home. This'll be a lot older when they come back - & not in actual years! Does Dad know that guys in Cadets are being put in active combat units now & I think subliminal in Cadets is closed. Maybe not for his

sake but I'm afraid it's true.
On the other hand, if it's true,
it must signify that they
don't need any more men
for this type of work -
Pilots, Bombardiers, Navigators
& that can mean only that
they look for an end of this
thing soon. I can hope so!

My back is not troubling
me so much now as that gun
has broken some & it should
be there soon. I can't eat or
that sick yet tho'. The other
day it was so bad when we
were flying that it made me
sick. No, I didn't vomit &

am much better than
times. I'll be ok in a
few days.

To you're sun wishes
at home! I don't think
they like this high altitude
cause I haven't seen any yet.
Right now - & all day today -
it is snowing. Truly weather!

We have our Navigator
now. Tall, red-headed,
from California, small guy,
named Don Walton - or
something like that.

Kilgore is out of the hos-
pital now & is quarantined
for 2 weeks. Weber is back
from his emergency furlough

so we now have a full
crew of ten men. Mike
is all very much & think
I'm lucky & be able to fly
with him!

Yes, Dad, I'm very con-
tented here. It is by far the
best port for me here on.
In spite of how much Mike
it. Tho: I'll be ready to leave
the first part of May 'cause
I'll bring on just that much
closer & home eventually!

When is Majorie living
now? Send me her address &
I'll be more than glad to drop
her a line.

Take it from me, Al
or anyone else - will have
a hell of a time jumping from
8 a.m. to 12 w.p.m. in 3
weeks! I think Al is doing
fine & more power to him.

I have passed 20 w.p.m. here
now & should pass 22 in
a few days - according to how
much practice I get.

I remember the name
"Dabzell" but I can't place
the fella. Where Mrs. Brown
ask Gordon about it as he
may remember him. I'd like
to know who he is.

I heard from Rick and
Gordon (S.F.) that Johnny

Fengel, the fellow who was
my 1st Sanacke leader
at Sioux Falls. has
been killed in action. He
was an R.M. Summer on a
17. Small guy. I have
one of those small pic-
tures of him at home. An-
other ~~at~~ score of more. Hope
I can do it!

That blue & gold cord
that was in my laundry is
the "piping" that goes around
the edge of my cap & signifies
the Air Corps.

By the way, when you
come out, gosh it's only

a week till I see you again!
 — bring my garrison cap &
 enough wool & take some
 stuff home that I have here
 & won't be allowed to take over-
 seas. Also my camera & the
 movie camera.

See, I'm anxious to see
 you again! And this time
 Ruthie will be with you.
 Be sure when you, Dale, &
 Dad come out — I said, "Now
 if Ruth was here it'd be per-
 fect!" I wish you could
 come, too. Dad & Dale. When
 do you get your Spring vaca-
 tion Dale? Couldn't you make
 the trip? I hope so!

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Since I shall quit now
& write Ruth & then go
to bed. Till tomorrow -

Love you
all
Mary ..