

'PERRY'

Sat. Eve.

5:30

5-6-44

Dear Swell Family!

Well, I suppose you're up-  
town tonight. I hope it's as nice  
there as it is here in Pueblo, Colo.

Yep, I'm on my way to Topeka.  
I hear that the airfield is at Pauline,  
Kansas & is about 10 miles from  
Topeka.

We are sitting still here in  
Pueblo for some unknown reason.  
Spiced & eat in La Junta, Colo.  
I sure hope it's soon as I'm  
hungry as H.!

Get Pullman for the trip.  
Judd, Weber, & I are together on  
this car & Brown, Wilgore, & Mays

one back in another car. ~~and~~  
 The officers are in still other cars.  
 I think there are at least 20  
 passengers in the train.

Sadd, Weber, & I really got  
 a deal. You know those little  
 separate compartments at the end  
 of each car? Well, we got  
 one - just for three of us.

See, this weather makes  
 me homesick! Some would like  
 to be working in the yard back.

Ahhh! Weber just came  
 back from a little store  
 with some doughs & cookies. Yum.  
 Yum. I'm hungry enough to eat  
 horse manure & you know how  
 I like that.

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Notice the date today!  
 15 months in Uncle Sam's  
 A.A.F. Boy, the time we have  
 flown. Hope the next 15 go  
 on fast. You, I expect I'll be in  
 another 15 or more. Damn  
 this war!!!

Well, were on the move now.  
 Just gave the Porter a dollar &  
 go find me a table. I got it &  
 I'll get whatever else I want.  
 My name is Whitacre!! Haha!

I was glad to see Mac-  
 Arthur refuse nomination.  
 Roosevelt is the last man for  
 the job & if I get a chance to  
 vote, hell get him. Mac

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would, without a doubt. be a  
good man for the job but  
there is other men who  
could do his job as he does  
it. Someday later I think  
he'd be a mighty fine man  
for the job. Right?

I think your idea of a card  
for knowing where I am over  
sea is fine. Dad. We can use  
both & also try piecing together  
the first letter of every paragraph.  
OK?

We're really making time  
now - as you can probably tell  
by my handwriting. Just went  
past the Pueblo Army Air Base.  
Nice clear looking field.

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Lis sending me diploma from  
graduating at Pete Field. Had  
it folded but maybe you can  
iron it out, Mom!

I didn't have a chance to  
look Bob Shaeffer up because  
they took our place again. Wish  
I could've seen him tho. Bob  
Little was down & saw me again  
& we talked for about an hour.  
Said if he ever got back to  
Ba Lu that his ship is on  
you.

Lis sure glad they took  
the rationing of meat, Dad.

that'll make you a lot less  
work + sell you more meat,  
if you can get it.

All firing is full a!!  
take it from one who knows.  
Tell Bob S. & Jim L. Say  
"It's their lucky as hell"  
to know so often.

I'll better close this +  
get it mailed in La Monte  
so till next time I have a  
chance to write —

I Love You  
all  
Dean