

Mom. Mom.

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Dear Dad:

I hope by the time you  
get this, Mom & Oak will  
be somewhere close to Sioux  
Falls. I sure would just as  
love if you could come out  
to. Guess we'll just have to  
wait for our reunion. It's  
sure gonna be a happy day!

I just finished filling out  
an Army Specialized Training  
Program (A.S.T.P) Questionnaire.  
They sent about 10 of 'em down  
to the barracks with instructions  
as to who was supposed

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It fills out & I was one  
firm. What do you think of  
it? I'm not too crazy about  
it because it would mean  
that I'd be in the service for  
quite some time after the  
war but I would be sent to  
some college & get a decent  
good education. For choices  
I put down: Medicine, Surgery,  
Dentistry, & Engineering, respect-  
ively as to preference. I think  
I'd much rather get out of  
here, go to grammar school,  
be assigned to a squadron & crew,  
take my chance overseas &  
when the war is over, go

home. Be sure I write &  
let me know your ideas  
on the subject. I may not  
even hear any more about  
it but in case I do, I'd  
like to know your views  
on it.

It is really cold out here  
today. I have a sweat shirt  
on & wear my flight jacket  
out doors. It is plenty cold  
enough for a fire in the stove  
but we don't have anything to  
burn in it. I had both wool  
blankets over me last night  
& woke up about frozen!!

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I hope I'd other thought  
phantasy & was because you  
can never tell what kind  
of weather you'll have next  
here. Yesterday we had hail  
or sleet for 20 min. & it  
was big too!!

School is still a grind  
but there is a let up in  
sight finally.

I guess they have the idea  
that they have plenty of R.O.s  
(Radio Operators & Mechanics) so  
they are making the final tests  
twice as hard so that if  
one does graduate they are  
damn good men!! Love

hope I have waked enough  
of it up!

There are a couple more of  
the signs posted throughout  
the school:

"You're the talk of the  
best damn operator in the  
world — be one of 'em!"

"If you enjoy good hard  
work, you can have a hell  
of a good time in this insti-  
tution!" And they aren't hid-  
ding a bit!!!

I'm not trying to pass any  
higher grade work but am  
working to be proficient in

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The spreads I have ordered  
for. I think that is best;  
don't you?

Guess that's all for today  
so till tomorrow

Love  
Your son & constant  
admin  
"Pete"