

Fri. Morn.

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Dear Pa:

I've been so darn busy the last few days that I haven't known whether I was coming or going. I do know that I have a good many things to write about & hope I can remember 'em all.

I just found a letter, in my stationery, that I wrote when out at C. T. A. It is stale news but I'll send it any way. I'll also send my class book, diploma (when), picture from "Harold", & if I

have time, I'll send a list of
the addresses to you. The pictures
I had enlarged from my
graduation pictures aren't too
good & I'm getting a folder
for 'em at Harold's & will
send 'em soon.

I'm settled now in Bhs.
1510 & am with Duke &
Al (two great guys). The whole
Bhs. is composed of graduates
& was here awaiting ship-
ment. I go on work detail at
1:15 & on R.P. at 3 & work
there till midnight. But won't leave
D get up till Sat. afternoon.

I don't have any idea as to when I'll ship out but will more than likely be here another 2 or 3 weeks. Shipments have been frozen lately but are open again now & may go fast.

Promotions are frozen now & it's a rumor that we won't get corporal until we get thru the Reserve Chamber at Gurney. We work on tails off for 5 months to get thru the toughest dress uniform school in the country (a course designed to take college grad-

nates 2 years), no funbough
 in sight — + we don't
 get a damned thing for it!!
 Join the Air Corps for fast
 advancement! Bull —!!
 You're nothing but a bunch
 of damn kids waiting to
 be cannon fodder for the
 busy damned feather merchants.
 Of course it isn't fair
 but what can you do about
 it — nothing 'cause you're
 in the army — just sit tight
 + let 'em dig you thru the
_____!!! You're damn right
 I'm mad + I think I've got
 a perfect right to be!!!

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SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

We had a swell time yesterday - thanks to the ten Lucks. Thanks a lot people - you guys just can't be beaten!! It's no wonder all the guys are ready, willing, & anxious to go over seas. We've got plenty to fight for - you!!

We started out hitch-hiking to Liverton & changed our minds & went to Dell Rapids, a town about half the size of Bee See. We played pool & ate a big steak in the afternoon & evening & really met

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a small old guy. He was
talking to the woman who
runs the place about Ohio
& so I naturally asked
him what part & he said,
"Huh! - what part? just ask
me about any part! ~~What~~ What
county are you from?" Told
him & away he started. Told
me there was a place in Wood
County that he used to go to when
he was young & Ohio Northern
47 years ago (it was a military
school then). Said it was the
county seat but wouldn't let
me tell him the name of the town.
He went on & told me all about
the big fairs & fairgrounds in

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"This place" + then wound
up, telling me it was Bowling
Green. I'm telling you the
old guy was amazing +
very intelligent. He is blind
+ has ~~two~~ one son in the
South Pacific + has lost
one in Africa. He himself
was in the World War I + in
the Spanish Am. War. He
asked me if I knew who
the governor of New Mexico
is (Arizona?) ~~is~~ + I told him
he was from Bee See but
couldn't remember. You're talking
of him of the Dad. Well, the old

Long told me it was Tingley
(I think). He told me all
about Ohio. He knows the
counties & their seats & my
college in Ohio & told me all
about them. He got a kick out
of my being a democrat
- says he & I are the only
2 honest people in S. Dak.
cause we are Democrats. I really
had a good time talking to
him. He told Palmer & me
all & ^(3 of us) said he would let us
were going places. He was crying
when he said it & showed me
us in tears too. He's a grand
old guy named - ~~Paul~~
Paul Brownson!!

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SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

Thanks a lot for the mail
 and only for afraid I'll
 not be getting a promotion
 for a while. I got the tell-
 gram this morning. It came
 out here yesterday but I
 wasn't here.

I got the card + two letters
 from you, a card + letter from
 Luella (told her I'd write again
 soon), + a letter from the
 nurse who thinks you are all
 really super + wishes she
 could have said that to. I
 also got a postcard in which
 it said ~~the~~ you were on the

Sports page, Dale. Right at
 the top of the potatoes. Don't
 even let that stuff go to your
 head, kid! I'm sure you'll
 be a great ball player. I've
 always said so + will be
 rooting for you all night!
 I'd give anything to be there
 to watch you! Just imagine
 that too - following
 myself home for you + seeing
 no one but you - + give
 every thing you've got
 - which is plenty!!

Just got another letter
 from you + the box which
 I can't get till 1:00. Absent the
 Sentinel. Wait'll I read 'em!

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I just read your letter +
 Art's. Don't worry, I'll send
 it back with this letter be-
 cause I'm sure you'll want to
 keep it. He is the kindest
 an officer we all admire.
 Not one of those chickens-
 go day wonders! I wish
 you'd send his address as I'd
 like to write him. He probably
 wouldn't have time to answer
 but I'd like to have him know
 what we guys back here think
 of guys like he is "over there".
 I don't know about the O.C.S.
 because I'm not sure if it
 is offered to gunners but have

Seem thinking about it. If I
don't make money, I'll
try for a recombination.
If I can get it, I can make
either or both! I'm sure
of that!

I don't have much more
time so till tomorrow —

Love
Dewey

was was D.V.C.
— down
near corporal!