

Sat. Eve.

5:30

Dear Swell & Elmer: 9-18-43

I was really happy for
a while today. Now ~~see~~ 14
of us guys worked in the
swimming pool they are build-
ing here on the port. I was
in charge of it (adm.). I
swam a "dinner survey" pick
from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30
a.m. & then went to show.
We then went over to a ware-
house (8 of us) & found out
they wanted 1200 bags.
(55 ton - 110,000 lbs) in-

loaded by 3 o'clock! We
started at 10 mins. of one
& were finished at 10 mins.
of 3. The Surge called the
ordery room & recommended
me for a pass tomorrow
& we are off from now
until 6 a.m. Monday morn.
Well, I got to thinking that
now would be a good time
to ask for a 3 day pass
so I did. And I would have
got them if Tuesday - but -
they can't give you one if

that far!! the It. said
that he was very sorry
but "no could do"! Sooo -
I guess I'll be another 4 or
5 months - at least!

Darned!!! I was so damn
happy & then so let down.

I'm going to town tonight
to get a folder for the other
picture I'm sending you
& then coming back. Tomorrow
I'm going to church & maybe
have a date tomorrow night.

I rec'd a letter ^{from you} & a son-
tined today. also a card
from Mrs. Thompson.

She sure is nice & write
when I don't even answer.

I'm going to find time some-
day!

The box ~~you sent~~ ^{I rec'd} yesterday
was really swell. A pack
of cigarettes & the can of
pineapple juice is great-
ready. I expect to drink
the tomato juice soon. As
you can see I like & am
using the stuff very. It's swell.

Shanks a million.

I signed the pay roll
last night & am supposed
to get paid in about 15 days.
But if I ship out before then
(which I doubt) I can get
half of it before I go. I'll
need it!

I expect to ship to Houston
or Laredo, Texas, Miami, Fla.,
Kingman, Arizona, or Las
Vegas, Nevada for gunmen.
I don't know where the train
gunmen schools are.

Before I forget it, Mom
don't feel badly about
saying what you did &
Ruth because, as I then ex-
plained to you, I wanted
her to know it, sooner or
later, & this way I didn't
have to tell her! I feel awful
to think I made you feel
so badly when I wasn't
sorry for anything. For-
give me for being so
unthoughtful! Thanks!

The graduation was held
at the Coliseum in town, Mom.

Remember when we saw the
guys graduating when you
was out here the 1st time +
we thought it might be Bob. We
were down getting your
ticket to go home on that
when mine was held. I'll
never forget it!

I saw the piece of in the
paper about my gradu-
ation. We filled out forms
I sent to our home
papers a couple weeks ago
so maybe that was it. You
see the last part is right
but we certainly fly in a
combat crew when we were

gunners. Just around this
country is the Ferry Ground
so it's right + the sooner
I start flying more - the
better!!

Now this is about all
I have time for today as
the guys are ready to go
to town.

I tho't of you all night
last night Dale, + every
guy in the squadron
knows you are playing
the position I tried to play.
God bless + let me know!
Love Sam ..