

Fri. Morn.

10:55

10-8-43

Demet of all Folks:-

I just don't seem to be able
to find enough time to write
every day but am doing my
best. Have received 4 letters from
you - direct from home. One
only took two days. Not bad.
How long does it take my letters
to get home?

Nothing out of the ordinary
to tell about. Just lectures
& more lectures all day long.
So up in the purple chamber

again tomorrow. Up to 38,000
feet this time but promise
to wear my oxygen mask. OK?

I almost forgot. You
very much appreciated
\$3 has been received & am
taking very good care of it. I
have a pay coming before
long but it's hard thing just
when! they said that they
might not pay me till the
end of the month!!

Get a swell letter, from

-3-

& picture of Christ from
Grandma the other day.

I didn't hear from anyone
yesterday but Tuesday I
got it from you so I guess
that's why. Also one from
Mama & I hear from Ruth
- my Beth - quite often.

We start school
Monday & if everything goes
right, should graduate about
the 25th of November. Please
wish me luck for this school too!!

Don't give up, Dale. I still
 maintain that you have proof
 of what it takes. You have
 to get back quick like in
 Eden & prove it. You'll get
 in. Just keep trying. Of course
 there is such a thing as trying
 too hard. Believe that doesn't
 happen. Just keep within'im,
 kiddo. That's all I ask. Thanks!

I realize that they aren't
 going to pick me and ~~is~~ not
 give me a furlough. That's

-5-

just it - while going there
all these schools it is im-
possible to get a furlough & it
takes so long to get there now
& a permanent sanction
& then a while for your fur-
lough to go there. It's just
that it takes so damn long
to get there. I'll get a furlough.
But when?

Dick Fortney must have
got one as soon as he
was assigned because he's home
now. Maybe I will - I hope!
He is a buck sergeant &

He went thru gunnery &
thru the Radio. I don't
know what I'll get out
of him. They have just nearly
changed the rules so I isn't
sure or even guessing.

Boy, when I get my fur-
crack, I'll be the happiest guy
alive!

Yes, I've seen plenty of the
mud but haven't as yet, seen any
houses or buildings made of it.
probably will see in Mexico.
I go on in about 3 weeks.

Yes, Texas is one of
 a big state. We entered
 Texas Sun. Afternoon, were
 in Fort Worth at 4 a.m.
 Mon. noon, & didn't get
 to Lando till about 9:30-10:00
 Mon. m. We traveled steady
 all the way with about a half
 hour lay over in San Antonio,
 Temple, & Fort Worth.

I am pretty much out
 of the dumps by now. Am
 of course mighty to welcome

for you, Ruth, & home
but I've asked it for \$200.
so I guess another few 100.
won't be so bad. I'm sure -
hoping - that it won't be another
\$200.

It is quite warm down here.
I stopped swimming with another
fellow last night but the pool
was closed. May go tonight.

Fred Thompson may either
be going to go to Lanny's school
or be permanent mechanic at
Kingsman. I rather think it is

-9-

the latter because of his eyes.
He will have a good deal there
as I think it is ok. Will probably
get a parlour room + work
about every 4 or 5 mo. after
that. Will get better food than
I should & probably be allowed
to go & town every week. Will get
more money there, etc.

You should be getting
mail from me as I write
at least every other day. Some-
times it takes a quite a while
to get the mail out of the box.

I don't know much about
what my studies will consist
of as yet. A lot of shooting
& flying the last 2 weeks. We
just shot sked, 22's, 30 & 37
caliber machine guns & hand how
& lead targets, etc. I'll tell
you more when I know more.

Ma, Paul Shuk's eyes are
not good enough for gunnery
& although he's a nice guy I
don't think he'd be the type for it.

We had a full troop train
coming down. It started with

8 cars, gave it about 20,
+ wound up at about 6 or
7. That is a lot of men! We
didn't have a dinner but the
food was well & I had
plenty of it - Thanks to the
mess lady!

It is almost time for show
so till tomorrow -

Love you all
Helen.

Hasta Mañana
me muy bien
amigos!