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Dear Folks :-

Rec'd your swell Xmas
gifts this morning & was
sure glad to get them. I'm
smoking one of your cig-
arettes now, Dale, & am
going to start smoking in
my pipe this afternoon.

All the guys are crazy about
the candy. Morn. It is quite
soft but that sure looks
a S.F.! They all say that
they are glad you sent
photos & they wish that

I'd get more Knas candy
from you more often.
One guy made the remark
that "there are lots of things
that look funny but are
mighty nice to have!" I
wonder what he meant?!

Pardon me a minute
while I fill my new Kay-
woodie!! Mmmmm!! I'm
some of the tobacco that
got from Jimmy & his &
smoke in this pipe! I am
using the Walnut & Rangoon
oil mixture. Boy is it good!

Here's how I like to smoke
 a good pipe in: Smoke
 about a half bowl at a time
 for 2 days. Always be sure
 it is well lit & doesn't go
 out before completely gone
 & still not smoke it so
 fast that it will burn the
 bowl. This also a good idea
 to coat the inside of the bowl
 with honey & make a good
 cake I bet I didn't have
 any honey. I should have
 Ruth here & just put her

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little finger is the best.
That would be plenty
sweet enough! Show that
for a line?!

The bilobed knit is well!
I'm going to buy some really
good stuff to put in it &
use it only when on trap
trains, trips, or runs with you.
It has in it just what
I wanted it to have. You
guys sure have swell taste!
I am already wearing my
scarf & I was hoping you'd

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Buy that kind. Remem-
ber when I helped that
elderly lady pick one out
up at V. Bakus's. Mmm? You
must have remembered
'cause you sent me exactly
the same kind that the
woman said she lay.

Thanks a million for
everything. I only hope
that the things I sent you
please & satisfy you as
much as what you sent
me, pleased me!

Here is some more hints
on taking care of a pipe, And:

1. Never knock it up
out against any thing hard
— Always use the palm
of your hand.

2. When packing a pipe
in, never smoke it out
of doors until well packed
in.

3. When finished with a
bowl full of tobacco, always
blow out dead smoke &
always lay it down up-
side down!

* Always allow it to
lay for at least 15 or 20
minutes before smoking it
again.

I suppose you know
all these things but it's
just like all the guys re-
marked: "I'm just like a
kid with a bunch of new
toys when I'm opening
my present & showing it
off." I'm really proud &
pleased with it all. They
are truthfully just what
I wanted & needed most!!

Also rec'd 3 swell
letters from you guys:

One of the French ones
from Dad & the others
from you & Dad, Mom.

Dad, why don't you write
more often? I know you're
busy but I really like to
hear from you. I don't see
why you hate to write them
so badly! If you'd just
improve your grammar a
little you'd make a won-
derful writer. You have a

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really fine knack of
putting your ideas into
words & expressing your-
self!

Another thing, Dale, &
don't think too hectoring or
preaching 'cause I have that
just as much as you do
but I'm only trying to be
careful of expense. Remem-
ber how I used to say "I
Well with what anyone else
says or thinks?" Well,
that's right — it's a certain
extent! What I'm driving

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not is this Vornice. I don't
know her at all except
that she is cute. One of
the most important things
in this world is your reputation
father & if other people
don't approve of you going
with Vornice, I don't think
you should because the
girls all know exactly
what kind of a girl she is
so take their word for it.
And another thing - Your
mother is nearly always
right so by all means

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listen to her & do as she
says!! You'll find in the
end that Jim's right is what
I say even tho' it's hard
to believe now. I hope

that Bonnie is as nice as
she is cute, fuddy. & that
she does have a good eye!!
Jim's sorry if you think
Jim's preaching, & glad if
Jim's ever helpful. Thanks
a lot for writing to me!!

Jim's glad my type fits
you, kiddo, & that you were

glad to wear it. You are
welcome to anything I
have so don't be afraid to
use it! I always liked to
wear a top & will sure be
glad when I'm a civilian
again & can wear it again.

Are you sure the two
went fast? M. M.! Dah,
whenever some one uses
that excuse on a date, re-
gardless of whether it's the
truth or not, lots of people
won't believe them. It's

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Suppose that if sometimes
happens & fight won't
believe them.

The women out here are
plenty ok! But don't
worry about my "living
my sugar in Salt Lake
City"! I'll never be dumb
enough to lose that! I
now have 2 dates for
New Years Eve! There was
a dance here at the service
club last night & I met
a really cute little gal who
is the back of Jim & her

A car of her own! I
 guess I'll keep the date
 with her & split myself
 out of the other one. Both
 of them are marvelous!!
 I guess all that means
 any more is that they cost
 something or don't which is
 okay by me!

Just joke if you was
 a "jip", Dale! You should
 hear the guys laugh at it!
 Send me to me whenever
 you hear 'em 'cause they're
 always different.

Boy what a long letter
this is getting &c.!

By the way, Dad speaking
of women there — Neddy
Lamarr^(sp) is making a tour
of the camps around here
& should be here in the Service
Club today or tomorrow. I
hope it's today 'cause I think
I start to school tomorrow.
Chester Morris & his wife
are on the post today but
I haven't seen 'em as yet.

Keams is only about 20
miles from Salt Lake
City & is situated south
west of there. I haven't seen
the town of Keams yet.

Pardon me again till
I fill & light my new
Raywoodie!! Therome
— That's better!!

I was sure glad to
talk to you all again yesterday.
Wish you had seen Gus, Pat.
Sorry to hear that you had
a cold, more & Dale! May-
be we should take some

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of Blade's shots!

Speaking of shots, did
you know that the series
of shots we formerly had
to ~~be~~ taken each year now
have to be taken each six
months? I already had
my annual shot & the sore-
ness is all gone but it itches
like mad now!

I wish it did not take
so long to put a call there
at night because it costs
so much less but it was
good to talk to you again.

His in much better
 spirits now that Kmas
 is over but still + always
 shall have that old longing
 for you guys & 454 So.
 Summit!! I hope you
 must sell that house!

I was forced to be on
 K.P. last night but didn't
 go back to the house
 after noon & so didn't know
 about it & consequently miss
 spring. We aren't supposed
 to get New Year passes but
 all well - I say we can't

There about 10 of us -
will get passes 'cause we'll
be going to school by then.

We may have to sign the '04
+ take 7 days K.P. but school
will prevent that. If we sign
that we won't be facted. I
don't think anything will come
of it. ~~The~~ The '04' is just
company punishment & they
can't give us more than 7 days
detail. I'd like to get coal
pile 'cause I'm getting soft
lying around all day.

Now that you have my
keams address my mail
should come thru quite
quickly.

Did I tell you about my
holding a baby boy for a
month the other day? It
was fun & his contemporary
wasn't up today.

Chuckie Morris - Morris
star & his wife just walked
in. Mmm - what a wife.
He's a lot shorter than he
appears in pictures but looks

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perfectly natural as he
does in pictures.

Well I guess it's
time I quit writing & get
a line off to Ruthie so till
tomorrow — or next
time —

Love & thanks
a million for every-
thing
Dad...