

Paradise Calif. Feb. 15. 71.

Dear Alma. & Eddie.

As usual I have been delayed
in answering your letter and writing
my thank you letter for my Christmas
present. was so very busy at Christmas
time and now I am just up from
having the flu. haven't been able to
go to work for a month, but hope
to do so some time this coming
week. Surely had the flu very hard
and am so very weak, guess I can't
take it, too old, I guess, at any rate
I hope I don't have it soon again.
Dad has a bad cold but I don't think
it will terminate in the flu, he has
still so much trouble just his head altho
it hasn't been so bad lately. but one never
knows when it will be bad. and it was
so terrible at Christmas time.
I certainly did appreciate your sending
the lovely hose and hankies they were
so nice and so nice of you to remember
me. a nice time to be thanking you for it.

and I am ashamed of the delay
but I do thank you.

We have been having so much rain
here. has rained now almost 2 month
we don't usually have so much at one
time. and I do hope it lets up soon.
but have had no cold weather here
at all. flowers in bloom and everything
so green. I guess you have had a nice
winter there too. Jean spent Christmas
with us and was here New Years too
saw the parade. and was at the

roll call for dinner. We like her so
much. and she looks so much like
Grace did when she was that age only
Grace's hair was as black.

Time surely does things to us doesn't
it. if I have the fly a few more times
I am sure I will look to be a hundred.

Suppose Dad wrote you all the news
about everyone he has more time to
write than I do. I miss Jim and Ruby
and the children so much it about broke
my heart to let them go away.

but that is part of the heartaches of being
a mother I guess. All mothers have
to let the young ones get out and
try their wings, we did the same
Hally & Jo and family are well now.
but all had the flu quite badly,
hope you folks escaped it.

I suppose Dad wrote you that we
expect Marshall & Hazel down to see
us in May. we are planning so much
on it I haven't seen Hazel in twelve
years and Marshall in seven.
but time seems to slip away as fast
and may well be here before we know
it. Wish all of them could come but
Dorothy has never been very well since
Bill was born and she won't come.
He would like to see all of you too.
I suppose anything like that will
ever happen, who knows.
Allie is not so well this winter,
nothing serious I guess but sort of
under the weather most of the time,
and Ezra is not so well either.

Dad is so very thin don't seem
to be anything to him any more just
bones. But he still hasn't lost that
spirit of wanting to be doing something
and when he doesn't have anything
to do he walks, which is good for him
too. I guess I can't think of any
more to write now. Did Dad tell you
Bob was working for Standard Oil in
Seattle. Ruby was so homesick when
she first met up there. She was sick
and I think I know just how she
felt. I have pulled up stakes so many
times and followed Dad in his
many wanderings. and been so
homesick I just about hated myself
and everyone else. But I guess
they have gotten their selves adjusted
by now. Must close now and
Love and good luck to all of you
and if you will pardon my neglect
ⁱⁿ writing. I will be very happy about
it.
Love
Lorngly Mother.

Buffalo, Wyo
Hayces Rte
Oct. 29, '42

Dear Mrs Lee,

I want to thank
you for the lovely card
and best wishes you
sent.

I'm feeling pretty
good now, and the Dr. has
even said I could ride
if I wanted to, but the
nurses & Dad all say I'll
have to wait another month
so I guess what Dad says
goes. I sure do miss riding
for I rode every day up
until the time of my operation.

I had hopes too of Buzz
getting a sunbath, and

perhaps he will get one
yet. He ask me to make the
trip home with him, and I
would enjoy it, I would
like to meet you and the rest.
Of course Buzz and I have
never met, but thru writing
we ~~feel~~ ^{feel} as tho, we had.

I met Jack & Bill last
winter when they visited
Jess, One evening, They bro't
Louise & Jess in & stopped in
for my sis & I then we all
went to the show, I enjoyed
it all very much.

Louise & Jess's baby is
sure cute and sweet, and
is growing like a weed. You
knew they named her
Lila Louise didn't you?

I imagine Buzz wrote you
about the trouble he's having

all caused from having
his teeth fixed, He thought
he would get out of the
hospital about the last of
the month. I hear from
him next often.

I've never been in Mont.
but rather imagine it
something like Fargo however
we may have to move
this spring & perhaps would
move to Mont. if we could
find a place, would you
know of any ranch for
sale or rent around up
there?

It was very nice of
you to send me a card &
write to me and "Thanks

again," I sincerely appreciate
it.

I'm hoping to hear
from you again.

Until next time.

Sincerely

Vida Jenkins
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McClellan, Montana

May 7, 1944

-Dear Mrs. Lee-

I'm sure writing you enough letters lately. But I have to know right away if you are going with me. Now I want to get a Bertha + I want to know if you will be wanting one. Now if you aren't going to get one I want either, but if we are I will have to wire in for one. I suppose you will be able to go right up to the station in the Falls + get one, but the agent here said I better wire in for one. So you write by return mail and tell me if you are going with me or not. I'm leaving May 27th, so please ~~write~~ write and tell me right away.

I hope you are well enough to go with

me.

as B⁴

Cleo

29 APRIL 1945

AT Home

Dearest Mom and Pop:

Just a short note for tonight as news is pretty scarce =

The date is still 12 MAY 1945 - just a short 2 weeks away. We have nearly completed our flights - only 2 night missions to go plus a Calibration Mission on Compass and Air Speed Meter. Our night school has been held to a minimum the last few weeks and several of our days have been spent in nothing but good old fashioned Bull sessions. The flight commander has been a prince to us - doing favors and getting things for us that no one else has even attempted. We have a couple more ground missions to take but I think our grade has already been sent in so don't think these will be too tough. The last week will leave us with just an exam to take and of course processing and signing forms and getting ready to become officers and flight officers = But after all the commissioned officers in the Air Corps are only cadets with bars, for the first several months. It sure will be a welcome change though - you will be more on your own and be able to do some of the things that have been impossible while training.

If we are able to leave here in the plane Saturday afternoon we will be

home Sunday afternoon = weather permitting.

I'm going to write to Andrew and Mrs. Tolson
(unknown to Helen of course) and see if they can
get down with our car - and they can go out to
Sisi with us and also renew acquaintances at
Beth and Arrington too. Good idea. huh ???! Or
do you ???

Oles if they bring the car down. I'll be able to
submit the required certificates for a sample of tires.
You know - Oles had a little trouble last time he was
home - yeah - another blow out.

Shel kids - guess this will be "30" for
now: See you soon -
Lots of Love
Mickey

401 Burlington Avenue
Billings, Montana
February 5, 1946

Dear Aunt Alma,

Hi there, how are you getting along. I sure was surprised to hear that grandma had fallen down some stairs and hurt herself. I hope she is better now.

I sure have been busy lately. We are going to Bozeman this Friday for the basketball game there. Pep club is chartering a bus and we are going up on it. It is sure going to be fun, and it only cost us 3.50 so that isn't much. We are going to beat them too, so that makes it all the better. We beat Great Falls, and we also beat Lewistown, so we are doing pretty good. We only lost to Miles City by a very narrow margin, so we still have a good change at the championship.

It is two of my friends birthdays soon, and they are right together, in fact one of them is today, and the other one Valentines Day so we are going to give them a party Sunday. A buffet dinner with all the trimmings. Boy it sure is expensive to have friends with birthdays. They gave me a real nice party for my birthday and it was supposed to be surprise too only I guessed. But it was sure fun anyway.

Well, I better get to the real purpose of this letter. That is to thank you for thinking of the Seventeen for me. It was swell of you. I sure like it, and

it and it will be swell having it to take with me to college. They are real popular here, everyone goes after them like nylons, and they are almost as hard to get. They haven't started to come yet, but I got a card acknowledging the subscription so I should start getting them right away.

Thanks very much again, and tell everyone there hello and give them my love. Take some for yourself. A lot of it in fact,

Love

Mary Lou.

Moccasin, Mont.

Aug. 5, 44

Dear Mrs. Lee,

Since I'm going to be here for a little while I wondered if you would mind checking out my other bag for me and expressing it down to Moccasin. I should have brought it down with me but I thought then I'd be coming right back, but I think I'll be here for awhile now.

Please drop me a line and tell me what the express charges are and I'll send you the money.

We went over to the depot and had a talk

with the agent. He said
he would be willing
to teach us all he
knew about train orders
and handling trains.

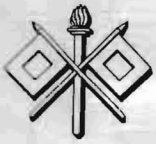
Then if we have to take
telegraphy we can go to
Great Falls later on.

He has to write in and
see if they will let him
teach us.

If you will take care
of that suit case for me
I surely will appreciate it.
There is no great rush
about ~~it~~ some time when you
happen to be down town
and have the time will
be all right.

I certainly enjoyed my
stay at your home. Cleo is
lucky to have such nice
in-laws.

Sincerely
Meryl Ford



CAMP CROWDER
MISSOURI

Pvt Harry T. Stomason
Co A, 16 Signal B.N.
Camp Crowder, Mo.

My Sir,

I received your letter yesterday
and was very glad to receive it. I am
sure isn't any news around here
except that the whole Co. is being
granted 10 day furloughs. I plan
to apply for mine the second of
October. I sure hope I can make
it. But I wouldn't say anything
to the folks just in case I don't
get it they won't be too disappointed.
You sure can't depend on this
man's

Army ha, ha. Sure sure isn't any
news around here. I knew Buzz
was in Arizona a month or so
ago. Navy halper writes to me
quite often he sees Buzz down
there, I guess he's in New Mexico

by now. You'll have to excuse the
~~bad~~ writing but I am writing on
my knee's and it isn't any too
steady a desk. I'll close for now.

Excuse the short letter.

Yours truly
Junior

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Wednesday
November 25, 1941

Dear Mrs. Day & all,

By the way, it sounds very much
like you've almost a window. It looks
like three whole units did simply do
last. Mickey has been working with
what, but at least I've seen them for
a few hours every day. I agree, and
you know, the sensible thing to do
is to be around to see it all
the place, and let you know what
time and rent a little place. It would
be a lot cheaper and you could see
man, when you see the house, you
be returned. He would have money
to buy a place. But I don't suppose he
can see it that way. I'd very like

and into another place. And then
for a while measured. It
would have been a lot more
improving if there had been some
to handle the various pieces more
hand. It was with some
Madden's girls, as a result of
a bit together. They are small like
to work for Engineers too in office
entirely. And his girls work in
the of Lord Niles.

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large pits and the Engineers are going
to have one more winter during the
winter season. I think they must
be fine. Gannett has just and I am not
a standing date for the affair. By
the way Gannett's wife name is Alice
like. So we have to watch closely to
see who is being spoken to. And that!

Ben asked us to go to Engage
for Thanksgiving dinner and are going
to try to go. I think it would be

very nice. They have moved back
into Engage. Colby said that his business
couldn't make it go. Speaking of
ditties Ben has two of the children
called persimmon Buff & Buff. I wanted
to take them home with me so badly
as it would have let me only get
two or three in the apt. and I just
lost it.

Agnes I found time to clean Mary
and get dinner. Thank again for

the London office. And I hope asking
you to change that chief agent, under
you too much trouble.

Best for the time
Yours sincerely
W. H. [unclear]