Monday evening
February 12, 1945

Dear Mother,

It is cold outside; the wind is whistling and rain is pattering on the long hipped roof. I am sitting on the end of my bed by a bright warm cole and wood fire writing letters, listening to AFN "On the Records" and participating in a general dull session.

On my last pass P visited Cambridge and had a grand time. It is a clean, fresh, middle-sized college town in marked contrast to large, drab, crawling London. P went through the great Cambridge University and rested. Traveling to-and-from P hitch.
liked. There is very little civilian road traffic but a constant stream of army vehicles (British and American).

This past week a deluge of mail has come through. I have received your letters of January 5th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, 24th, 29th; Dade of January 6th and Bernice of January 8th. How is my mail coming through to you? Certainly look forward to your letters.

Ed Lake wrote recently from Friedrlichshurg where he is stationed with an engineering unit on limited service. Howell Finn is now a Sergeant stationed in the U.K. Ralph Lower (Dickinson) is a Lieutenant.
in the Marines Quarter-master Corps at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mrs. Bess Davis and Polly Jacoby have recently sent the church tallenders and the booklet of Grace Church folk in the services. (Please thank them for me.)

Good shows seen recently are Saratoga Trunk (Ingrid Bergman and Gary Cooper) and Rhapsody in Blue. I am looking forward to seeing Winged Victory and Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo.

Congratulations Madam President! I am sure you will do a bang-up job as Conference WSC's lead. They couldn't have selected a finer president.
It was bad news from Mrs. Crooks about Mrs. Lacher. She is such a fine lady.

How is the school help problem working out?

Figures for compiling my income tax this year:
$166.00 - monthly pay from 1-1-45 ($150.00 prior)
1/2 base pay is flight pay
$6.50 - for monthly insurance
10% base pay is overseas pay
$18.75 - for monthly war bond
get my social security number (mail me a copy)
check which year filed for (last year - this)

I have not received the New York Times as yet.

Several of the crew have mentioned your letters to their homes. They are a fine lunch to fly with.

Love,

Lee