

Monday evening
February 12, 1945

Dear Mother,

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

On my last pass I visited Cambridge and had a grand time. It is a clean, fresh, middle-sized college town in marked contrast to large, drab, brawling London. I went through the great Cambridge University and rested. Traveling to-and-fro I pitch

hiked. 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, 25th, 29th; Dad's of January 6th and Bernice's of January 8th. How is my mail coming through to you? I certainly look forward to your letters.

Ed Lake wrote recently from Fredricksburg 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 callenders
and the booklet of Grace
Church folk in the services.
(Please thank them for
me.).

Good shows seen
recently are Saratoga
Trunk (Angrid 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
WSES head. They couldn't
have selected a finer
president.

It was bad news from Mrs. Crooks about Mrs. Lader. 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)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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's - 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 bunch to fly with.

Love,
Lee