

Russell Kansas

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Dear Bob:

Here I am after a short trip to Kansas City -
 to get parts for the life place were hoping to build but
 all having quite a bit of difficulty finding all the steel parts
 we expected this but I hope we could turn out some thing
 to complete it with. I was surely glad to hear you had
 had a leave for Rome + very happy to know you run
 on to some of your friends you knew so well. + I do
 sincerely hope with all my heart that you get
 the two weeks of school you spoke of because I
 know how much you love that kind of sports + while
 your relaxing I can relax too. so we can all have a little
 peace + rest + today, that time we hope pray this
 will be over + possibly long before they look for it locally
 here now. I hope you thoroughly enjoyed your stay in
~~Rome~~ Rome + I'm glad you had a safe journey from
 Florence to Rome. + that you enjoyed it. + I'm
 especially glad you seriously thinking of going back
 to school - I only wish I could get N.J. to go to
 school for a while + she quit today at 7:15 +
 I certainly regret this very much. N.J. is very determined
 in her ideas as there's no need fussing with her + I
 think she's going into a very silly job as far as hours
 + money are concerned - they only pay forty etc. a hour -
 but still love to learn - I guess - she's a ball she makes
 + then some - but that too is a lesson still learn someday +
 I don't think now is any time to worry about it. We
 received a long letter from Gloria - I guess any will be
 grown up before we see him again. the way Gloria's
 letter sounds - he must be growing - I'd like to talk to her

over the phone - I see by the paper they are wanting more B-29
 home - I see by the paper they are wanting more B-29
 Pilots - as Larry may be leaving soon. I bought five
 lbs of home made bitter sweet Peanutt butter + I'll
 mail it Monday - it is really delicious - I sure hope
 you get it in a hurry + I do hope you get some
 of your other packages soon there is a lot of them on
 the way son. The nation is certainly mourning the
 life of a Great man. I hope the Moral of our Boys of our sea
 isn't broken by this news + I hope Germany + Japan
 doesn't feel that this gives them any more hope of
 winning this war - + I sincerely hope that Truman
 carries on in the same manner that Jim. we've
 lost a President that our future generations are going
 to know as we know + learned of Lincoln President
 of his equal - I'm afraid as it so often happens, we
 didn't really realize how great a man he
 really was. The war news sounds like it was about
 noon Russia is 13 miles from Berlin, that was noon
 today - Bob do be careful - I don't really believe this
 thing will last very much longer + I know you'll get home
 soon - so keep your chin up - Angeline had the news
 of John Pearson's death - she's really broken up + I
 guess that's why we haven't seen much of her - she's really
 having quite a time. Just talked to Gloria - Larry
 quite a cold - Everett is there - that Larry's youngest brother
 he is on his way I guess - Well they still don't know much
 about that - but anyway maybe he will end before
 Larry has to leave his little boy. Gloria said - Larry
 says uncle Bob now + every time they talk about Uncle
 Penney he thinks they mean ~~Bob~~ Larry - Well Bob I must
 leave. Daddy mail this letter + include Gloria's letter you're
 fine pass it on to Penney - its a couple of hours reading
 for them - well good luck son - Bless you + may your wishes
 all be filled - I'm thinking of you always + love Mom