

May 27, 1945
Sunday p. m.

Dear Bob,

I guess you know I've sorta slipped on my letter writing the last couple weeks. Anna has been home on a fifteen day leave and I have been trying my hardest to help her find something to do. After spending about five or six months in Frisco, this place is very dead to her. She has been having such a grand time out there that she misses not having a choice of things to do at nite. I think she enjoyed being home but it was different to what she was used to. She left last Tuesday nite so is probably back in the swing of things by now.

She and I had planned to go to Kansas City for a few days a couple weeks ago but at the last minute decided not to go. I was glad though, because I wasn't exactly in the mood for a big time and I'm sure that is what it would have been had we gone. She wanted to see Mary Ruth and Johnny and knowing them as I do, we probably would have had a big party.

How's everything with you Bob? I've talked with your folks several times to get the latest reports on you so I keep pretty well informed. Bina said that in one of your letters you said something about hoping to be home for your birthday. Do you think you will make it home by then or were you just hoping? If you do, we'll see what we can do about celebrating. Now that things have quieted down over there, I see no reason why you shouldn't get home very shortly. From all the reports we hear, they seem to be flying all the wounded men back to the states as quickly as possible so perhaps you will be on your way soon. Flying back wouldn't be half bad, but it is sorta a long old trip by boat and if you don't like the water any better than Vernon does, I know you'd be tickled to death to fly back. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for you Bob, and hope to see you before too long.

Last Sunday afternoon Anna and I went over to see your folks. Spent the biggest part of the afternoon and evening with them. Ended up by playing dime rummy and naturally Doran took our money away from us. Of course, they put me out first, so Anna fought it out with Doran, only he had to have him beat her too. He's hard to bear, believe me. They really have the back yard looking swell and when they get that fire place fixed it will be tops. As hard as meat is to get, you'll probably have to wait till after the war before you can get enough meat to fix in the fireplace anyway, but it is a wonderful idea. I dare say they will manage somehow if you get home.

How is the coffee situation over there. It should be easing up considerably now---at least I haven't consumed nearly as much this last month as I ordinarily did. I do think however, that you had the total amount consumed set a little high, but I'll grant you that I do like my coffee and ordinarily drink a lot of it. Since its beginning to get hot though, I don't crave it like I did when it was cold. We'll save you a cup or two to have when you come home. We'll even save a couple decks of cards so that we can play hell when your arm gets back to normal. Okay?

How is the nurse situation, Bob? Some of the fellows that weren't in the hospital seemed to think some of those nurses weren't half bad. Even Vernon used to write to one! By the time they do release you from that hospital, you will probably have them all on your trail. How about that?

You might say I've reformed. Went to church with Mom again this morning. I do enjoy going to church but I certainly miss that morning sleep. They tell me there is a solution ~~xxx~~ to that problem though---someone told me that if you go to bed at nite when youre supposed to, that you can still get eight hours and get up in the morning too. Guess I'll try it sometime!

Last Friday morning Flash Foster walked in on us. He had just gotten from Leavenworth and has taken a discharge. He was overseas 32 or 33 months and looks good. He is a little solemn but that is to be expected, I guess. I've forgotten exactly how many points he has, but he got his discharge from the point system. He'll take life easy for a while, but I can't imagine what he will do after that.

Dean Banker is home after being liberated from a prison camp. Saw him in church this morning with his Mother and he look good to me. I wanted to talk with him but there were too many people interested in doing the same thing so I didn't get a chance. Wilmer Landon is home too and he really looks swell. Vernon had seen him in London and said he had gained weight and he does seem to be heavier than he was. Shorty St. Aubyn was home a couple weeks ago and he looked swell too. I'm beginning to think the fellows like it over there or something agrees with them because most of them look so good when they come home. I imagine there will be a lot of fellows coming home from Europe now---hope they don't have to go back over to the Pacific.

I suppose your Mother wrote you about Vernon getting married. We were surprised and yet not too much either. You remember Doris Dale don't you? He has carried a torch for her for a long time so we are very happy for them. We got a letter from him yesterday and he said he had never been happier. They are spending their honeymoon at Big Bear Lake and seem to be enjoying it, no end.

Doris is in the Wacs but is getting a discharge very soon. Vernon reports to Midland the 29th and will go from there to a fighter base very shortly. He applied for a second tour of combat and naturally his application went through. We're hoping that he might change his mind now that hes married---that is if he can or has a chance to change it. If anything would change it, it seems that getting married would. If he doesn't change his mind and things go as scheduled, he'll probably be in the Pacific in about three months. I certainly hate to see him go over there---especially after having one tour of combat. Its entirely up to them, though, so we'll just have to wait to see what happens.

Ralph Wesley is home on a thirty day leave. He looks as good as ever but is really glad to be home. Things are so dead around here that after they have been here for a few days they are ready to go someplace where there is something going on. I think he is going to Detroit very soon to see some little girl he met while he was stationed there. He doesn't expect to be in the states too long so hes anxious to have a big time while he is.

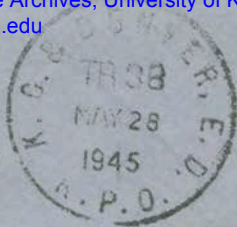
Got a nice letter from Bob Dawson a couple weeks ago and he seems to be sweating away his time in a hospital too. It was written before V-E Day and he didn't know exactly what they would do with him, but now I suppose he will be sent back to the states too.

Thats about all the news for this time so guess I'd better call this enough for now. Heres hoping we'll be seeing you soon, Bob, but in the meantime, take care of yourself.

Love
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