

Russell, Kansas, July 9, 1945.

Dear Bob , We drove by this morning to ask your Father about you. I was glad to hear you had had a more comfortable day, Sunday. When I think how cold it was where you were last winter and how hot it is where you are now I cant help wishing there could have been some way to mix the two.

I had a long letter from Phil Saturday. He had gone the 30th. of June to Ventura and spent Saturday afternoon with his cousin Mary Frances Carter Dobbins and family staying until Sunday afternoon. He fell for Mary's year old daughter- I guess they are never too old or too young for him. He said Beverly, the baby, had enormous blue eyes and such chubby , rosy cheeks. He came back to Roberts rather late in the evening as he met another charmer on the bus and as he said he debused at her destination and had a wonderful evening. He does not know just what the next move is to be. He asks every letter that I keep him informed as to how you are. I write him 3 times a week if not more often.

This month's graduate magazine has just come from K.U .and while I do not know in a big school

like K.U. how many of the number mentioned you know -I have the same gripe at the Graduate Magazine I have had all along at the newspapers they give and have given such a little space to the Italian campaign. However, I read that Millard Musselman ,promoted to 1st.Lt.as a navigator in the Air Corps,was in Italy at the last of the war there .Dan Ragle is in the Pacific,Dick Rice is home after 28 months spent in Iran.Lt.Arthur W. Catlett was put into the Tiger Group of the 9th. Army in France.Pfc Wm.J.Dill wrote his Mother from Nuremborg,Germany.Ens.Charles Ned Cushing is commands a crash boat landing at Jacksonville, Florida.S/Sgt.Hoy Dean Embree is stationed in Rapid City ,S.D.after much Air experience in Europe

I hope some of these names mean something to you.I note Robert Elbel was given a medical discharge from the Navy.

A boy at the USO was telling me last night he had not had a date for four and a half months and was saving all his good times for a coming furlough..Luther tells me that John Atkins is still doing office work in Italy and likes it

much better than what he might have to do.

Judge R. thought Tom Kelly made a good talk at Rotary taking lots of glory out of the whole thing.

Our recent hail storm hit Neon signs all over town as well as trees and gardens and wheat.

Mr. Hogue read to me part of a very interesting letter from Johnnie. He and four other members of the ships crew went out in a small boat to try to get one of the life boats that had broken away a terrific storm came up and they and the boat which they managed to tie to their boat, as I understood it, were out 30 hours before they managed to contact the ship by radio. They got back in time to wear out another storm with no sleep. Johnnie writes this navy is giving him a work out.

Love to you and your Mother,

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