

Don't miss "This Above All" 11:30 a.m.

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Dearest Joe — Big Spring Tex.

Well again at long last I hear from you. It always seems so damn long from the time you receive my letter until you sit down and answer. That is the time to shorten. Oh well I guess I should complain after all I'll bet there are quite a few people in the U.S. you don't even write to even late Helen, Pat, Joan, Genevieve and etc, or do you?

I am writing this at work. I always have to wait the few minutes between 11:00 AM until 4:00 P.M. cause on my job there's nothing much to do except between 8 and 11 and 4 to 6:30.

You know I have a letter to you didn't you? 55¢ per and time and a half for from 60 per up. Average's about \$30 per week we're paid weekly on Wed (which is today). I finished paying off

I promised that I'd ask you to again get the thing. I'm sorry I haven't sent you mail.

the bank the other day and will finish with KE today. That's \$215.25 worth of debts I've paid off since I came here 55 days ago. Not too bad. I still have \$79 at Bankers and \$15 Torrence = \$94 I still have to pay and should finish soon. Bay and I glad to get them off my chest. Will send you 5 spot some time soon. You're not desperate now are you?

I was certainly disappointed in the military part of your letter. I thought it was almost signed, sealed, and agreed that we go into win this war together. Don't it? Well you know damn well that the draft would never let me finish the second term, so there is no use starting, and though you could finish - so what, you'll just fart around and spend a hell of a lot of cash and get nothing out of it. I want to win this

damn war and then re-enters  
on my chosen scholastic  
career. If that is what you  
and your mother have decided  
I guess it's best and I'll  
have to join (just after  
Christmas probably) alone.  
Maybe sooner but I doubt.  
It sure is discouraging -  
wouldn't reconsider would  
you. Ensign Robert J. Dole  
doesn't sound bad and their  
pay doesn't either not to mention  
the fun of shooting Japs like

ducks in a carnival tank

Am just staying home  
nights now I'm working days  
again. Haven't been away  
from home except an  
occasional show with the  
folks since I got here. No  
dolls or such. Saves money  
but is dull as hell.

This job will probably  
end in about two or three  
weeks and then I believe  
I have a job working in  
a refinery here, if not I'll  
go to Russell to be the ass't

to this Mr Dole who is pres  
of the Kaw Pipe Line Co. and "Hi Y."

Playing quite a bit of golf,  
tennis and swimming off and  
on now days.

How many littler fellows  
did you maul in the East 7<sup>th</sup>  
stampede. Don't alibi or lie  
out of it - how many! The  
minute I heard she was  
returning to town I said  
Oh! Oh! and Dole is lovely!

Boy there are a million  
and one different kinds of

planes in the air around here  
every minute. Every kind Liber-  
ators, D 23E's, B-24's, P38's, trainers  
and another thousand that  
go too fast to recognize. Sure  
makes me jealous. Lots of  
soldiers (bombarliers) in this  
camp already.

Sam Beckley is "across" I  
believe he is in England, may  
have been over Dieppe. My  
red headed cousin Bernard, you  
remember him turned down a \$210  
a week job to get in Army Eng. Corps  
and is across already! Love Dad.