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Dear Folks,

I expect that I had better get this letter written and mailed before I am disowned. I've intended to write ~~to~~ for several days but I didn't because I figured that if you all knew how tired I was, you wouldn't want me to. And far be it from me to go against my families wishes.

I've been flying quite a bit lately and am about to get used to these long flights. There is so much work to be done that one is kept quite busy in the air and time passes fairly quickly.

Whenever we complete a mission and have some time left over before landing time we let one of the crew members fly for a while. That is always good for a laugh.

The pilot and I are trying to find some one that could bring the ship home in an emergency. Our engineer is pretty sharp for a beginner and with a little more practice could do in a pinch. Just in case you are still wondering, I like my crew very much and wouldn't swap for any other crew on the field, not even Capt. Abraham's.

I didn't go out to see Cecil last Sunday. It was too pretty a day to let go to waste so my navigator and I got a couple of girls and went home back riding. It was a lot of fun and we are going to try it again Sat. night. Also by way of entertainment Al Jones is going to be here tonight at 2000 and Ray Ryser tomorrow night. I've been lucky so far and haven't been doing anything when any of the big entertainers have been here. By the way Ray Ryser's radio

program is to-night and he won't be here until to-morrow. Hope you don't try too hard to tune him in tomorrow night. I am wondering if you listened to J. Dorsey when he was here because his ~~program~~ ^{program} was broadcast.

about all of that food I got. Mrs. Costelaws was very good. I didn't know she had it in ~~the~~ her. Don't tell her I told you that because the food was delicious. Mamma your cake was beyond description. There are about 5 boys that are convinced that you are just about it when it comes to cooking. And I don't argue with them. We all had a ~~piece~~ piece in my room and then took the rest to Chow with us and ate it for dessert. I don't want to rush you on anything like that but just whenever you are ready. I haven't opened Amy's package yet but

will after the al Joran show to-night.
All of which remind me I've got to get a
hustle if I want to see him.

Tell Brother that I am still working
on his tube. My radio operator is trying
but hasn't met with success yet.

I didn't intend to tell you this
for a while but I might as well. When
something goes wrong, I want a big piece
of white meat on my ~~plate~~ plate to-mor-
row. And I personally will see to it that
it is eaten. I've already told Sam and
that is probably why she hasn't said any
more about meeting Mana here in Jackson.
Christmas is a long way off and you know the
country but that is the way it stands now.

If such is the case there is no reason for any
one to make the trip out here to see me but
don't get your hopes too high and I want
either.

al.
Gotta rush if I am going to see
at Cecil
The picture
was taken
at Cecil
There are no
more at
than that
developed
yet
Cecil is better
than the picture
and the one of
I don't look
just like him
Love,
Joe