

9-13-45

Dear Folks,

I'm getting a little behind with my letter writing so I'll start playing "ketchup" by writing this one before dinner.

I've been having P.T. twice a day up until now but to-morrow that stops. Starting to-morrow I just have it once a day, but of course there is a little matter of eight hours of ground school to contend with too.

Been keeping pretty busy of late with extra "canikular" (if that doesn't "canikular" what does?) activities. I've been going to the beach some and have the beginnings of a sun tan at last. Yesterday one of the mail companies was making part of a picture out here on the beach and using some of the mail M. E. Coy for the background. The title of

it is "The Young Widow" with Jane Russell. In the scene I saw them shooting she comes charging up to the gate but the M.P. stops ~~her~~ her. She mumbled something I couldn't hear and the M.P. says, "That a chance." She says "But I just must see him." The M.P. then points off into the distance and "She muffs" he has just taken off in a B-24 for England. She then turns around, faces the camera and watches the airplane fly away. They had to shoot the scene of her turning around and facing the camera about 10 times until she finally worked up a little tear. Colonel!

I've been going out with a private detective. She is a cute little blond. She got fired the other day but it was free while it lasted. Her boss would give her a description of some character and we would go out and hunt for him. M never did find anybody but I never hunted. The last two nights she hasn't been working so we just went out. She got fired because she was supposed to

stay on duty untill five o'clock one morning  
but we both got tired of hunting about  
12 o'clock so I took her home. She didn't  
care because she was going to quit any-  
way.

Jim Vaden is still gone but I am  
going to take his Aunt and Uncle to the  
big foot ball game to-morrow night  
anyway. It's between the 2<sup>nd</sup> air force and  
the 4<sup>th</sup> air force. There are lots of big  
stars on both teams and it should be  
a whale of a game. They aren't going  
to play in the Rose Bowl because it isn't  
big enough. There is some other field in  
L. A. that is bigger. We bought our  
tickets two weeks ago and they were about  
sold out then.

I'm checking up with the finance  
office on my account and I think I  
am going to have to cough up \$234.00.  
So Papa don't be surprised if I ask for  
that amount one of these days.

Mama, I wish you would sell my  
watch to me. This watch of mine  
has about decided to quit running altogether.

Don't look now but the shipping and  
Receiving officer sent a bunch of names  
to Sgt. Sam Hunter last night, mind  
among them, asking how soon could they  
be handled. No reply as yet but I'm  
holding on.

Time for me to go eat and then to  
Y. I. so I'm quitting.

Love,

Joe  
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