



OFFICERS' CLUB
DAVIS-MONTHAN FIELD
TUCSON, ARIZONA

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Dear Folks,

It seems as if I have temporarily misplaced my fountain pen so if you will excuse the pencil I'll scribble a long overdue letter.

The main news item is that I am now blessed with a cold. I went on sick call today and got a whole satchel full of medicine. I'm feeling a lot better now and should be able to fly in the morning as per scheduled. If I don't feel up to it I'll tell the Dr. and he will let me off. No. 2 news item is that Don and I went out to see Prof. and Mrs. Reed the other night. It was a pretty nice visit even if I did spend the whole time listening to Mrs. Reed jabber. That is undoubtedly the talkiest woman that was ever born. She didn't spend more than two records at a time on any one subject either. Prof. Reed had a mild stroke about a year ago and

has had to quit working. He seems to be doing
just fine now however. Mrs. Reed talked like
it was his fault he got sick. I almost got
mad at her for some of the things she said. I
liked Mr. Reed very much but I guess you know
by now what I think of his wife. News Item no.
3 is that I took a cross country to El Paso the other
day. We didn't land but it was fun anyway.
I had all of the crew stand at attention while I
sang "The Eyes of Texas".

Mama, I thought I had told you about my shirt
but I guess not. Any how it fits fine and is really
a nice shirt. The enclosed money order is to help
defray the expenses. The picture is from left to
right Tommy Wahl, Audrey Hazer, me, and Marcia
Mead. This was made just before we left the
College for Bob's home to eat the big dinner.
The bag has a blanket in it that we had covered
our legs with at the football game. The napkin
and the piece of paper are for you to put in my scrap
book if she wants to. I'll explain what they mean
sometime. Oh yes Army, and this goes for everyone. There is
nothing I can think of I want for Roman. We are only allowed
200 £05. one seas and the required U.S. equipment
will weigh that much so it is not very practical that
I should have much of anything extra.

I've got to get up powerful early in the
morning so I'll bring this to a rapid halt and bid for
the sack.

all my love,

Joe