

Sunday Evening

3 February 1946

Dearest Folks,

For the first time this week, it is raining. We have needed it bad all month, for there has been a lot of dust and dry wind and the combination has meant trouble for the locomotive. It is built in such a way that dust gets into it and the high voltage arcs over parts where the dust is, resulting in either off air time, or frequent changes in pieces of equipment. But because of it I have been busy out here in the tower hut, and not else where - I am glad for that!

On Tuesday we received the results of the x-rays that were taken. Of course mine was absolute negative, but two of the fellows were quite positive. They have both had numerous other x-rays and tests since then, and should find out soon as to their condition. Altho I never did worry it is good to know absolutely that my lungs are clear - must be from good stock!

Sally's pups have certainly grown in the past week and a half, altho their eyes and ears are

still loved. already they are losing much of their "houndiness" and look like pups should. I in a way I would like to take one of the males back with me, but the bother wouldnt be worth it. Besides the folks out here will need all the extra mounds vinding they can get, and the pups should be a good source of that. I know that having Sally here has done me good - she has been a good dog.

Oh - it is the 3rd already, and it wont until yesterday that I remembered the 14th was Valentines day - I wonder if you would do some thing for me? I am enclosing \$10 bill and would you take however much is necessary and will give a dozen red roses. I would appreciate it great deal, and know that she would like it - Thanks a lot. I shall put her address on the end of this letter - Thanks again. I hope it isnt too late, but they should get there a couple days either way.

Altho the chapel service this morning was small, it was just as good as ever. we had communion (1st Sunday of the month) and it was a very good service; altho the singing was rather noisy.

with wooden floors and all it cannot be helped
and aside from that it was a service that did
me a lot of good.

In one of your recent letters now you asked
if I had put on weight - I think so. Several of the
fellows have spoken of it also, and I think I have put on
10 lbs or so. Um - wait tho until I get home and some
of your cooking plus some fresh milk - good!!

It was good to hear that you had received
word from Bob - and I sure hope that by now
he is nearing the states. I still haven't heard
any thing more definite - but am patient and
know that it will come soon. There is one
question in my mind that I would like you to
tell me what you think about - there is a big
possibility in ~~my mind~~ that when I return I can
get immediate discharge - but - I also will have
over 75 days of leave that I can demand before
they can discharge me, and I can take the leave
all at once. you see the C.V. now has 2 1/2 days leave
for every month of this type duty - 18 months is 45
days. That plus my 30 day annual leave comes to

450 75 days, and they let you take up to 90 days
at one stretch. So I can get 75 to 90 days leave when
I return, and then after I get back from my leave
get discharged. A lot of it would depend on how soon
I get back, but I want to know what you think about it?
The main argument for it would be that I would be home
at that time and yet getting paid - coming to over
\$200 which isn't too bad. What do you think?

I really must close for now - my hand is tired
as this writing readily indicates - good night and
love to all of you.

Love

Jim