

March 11, 1943

Dear Mary:

I got your overweclomed letter yesterday. Reilly enjoyed it. I will have to send it to Ferne. If you will write us every week on of us can send it to the other. That way you will not have to send us both a letter and will not have to spend so much time writing to us. This is gettng to be the danest place for Air plane accidents. They just fall all around this place. It is a every day accourance. I will try and take time off and tell you about two that I saw. One pby that is a plane that lands on the watter. Pretty big. It went up out of the watter like it was going to takeoff. Then it came back down. Burst into flames and I saw two of the boys climb out. It cracked into in the middle. Another time I saw alot of smoke over on North Island. Which is across from us, across the bay. Then a big explosion came. And blew all of the fire out. Just some little white puff's came up. It shook things pretty much here. And it was over on the Island. There was a good quarter of a mile of watter between us and the island. I dont know just how far it is but it, is over a mile away. I went in to town a day or so later and sat down by Wave. I asked her what the explosion was. She told me that a plane loaded with boms came in for a landing and cracked up. Later the boms exploded And that it broke windows over on North Island. This was int the swel Drug store down town that I heard this. I think that she was a store keeper. This is the worst of all. Two yp 38 collided in mid air. And down they came. A piece of the wing fell on our grounds. And the planes fell just over the fence on the ramp at Consolidated. They made a big fire. Down came the two pillets. One came right on down. Landed across the fence. The other one just floated around up in mid air. Finally came down in the bay just about twenty yards from our landing pier. Well when they pulled the man up he had no head. And was minus one arm. How in the hell he got out and came down in that condition is more than I can see. He was just a mingled mess. The other man was ok. Came over to help pull the other guy out. I just wounder how the other guy that wa was all torn up got his shute open. You know that they are not supost to get out of thoes things alive. For the tail cuts them off. The only way the other guy got out was that when they collided they one must have torn off the others tail assembly. The more crakups I see the less I want to ride in an airplane. Two Army fliers came over the other day. As they passed by the bake shop I offered them a cookie. They were very friendly. Were from Stellwatter. They said that I could get a plane from north Island any time to Oklahoma City. Just Call Army Operations. All it would cost would be Five dollars for the chute. After the trip was completed I would turn in my chute and get my money back. Just take six hours. To get there. Don't know wheither I will take it or not in April when I get my rate. And if I get my leave. These Dam air planes don't scare me! I have some more good news for my self. They have cooks in these big cornado Flying Boast. General flunkie. And cook. Feed animutation and take over the gun or cannon if necessary. I think that they make rather long patrols. They are huge things. The land on the watter and take offf from the watter. Have four moters and lots of guns sticking out. Besides the torpedoes they carry. Well so much for all of that. We do get 70 % bf our base pay. Which isn't bad. As long as one ka last. I'll w take a ship any day iin prefernce t to an air plane. That was nice of Sue to sing at the program. Would like to have seen her. I will have to hurry up and get back there and see her before she gets to be a big old girl. I would like to see here while she is still a little girl. She probley won't like this. For she always said that she was a big old girl that summer in Okmulgee. Shell grow up soon enouf. Well the Comillary Officer Just came in. I had to hide this and act like I was checking over the stock in the store room. We are not suppose to use these typewrite's to write letters on. But we all do after four o'clock. I thought that the old bird was gone. I guess that Joe was is getting to be quite a boy. Well I guess that I had better close. Do not know wjch to write. Got a short note from Ferne yesterday.

Set it on my piano & play wateff the music. Will have to

I do have a tailor mad Sailor Suite. Relly look swanky in it. I also went down town yeaterday and bought myself a good looking pair of military shoes at Jarmans she store. Pretty good shoes. Look alot better than Gi. Showz. Well I must close and write Ferne a line or two. And send her your letter.

With Love to you all

Ernest.

Did you get the candy. And what kind of shape was it in.

yes in letter have beans coffee
rolls, Breakfast food (dry) toast
jorn. Some kind of corned fruit

or Beans. sometimes corned beans
or corned beef on toast instead of
the Beans. that is all easily
fixed. Far we have infection
on Sat mornings. Every thing has
to shine we Relly eat good.

Always have fresh milk
and coffee for breakfast & relly
do not care for the beans.
They are good home salt Park
in them and corned tomatoes
& ~~stewed~~ shaped up onions.

Just don't like them for Breakfast.
Don't like what you said about my
beans fat Ha mind.