

Feb 17. '44  
England.

Dear Mom & Bess:

I'm all moved now and things are beginning to look better. There is always that period that you have to go thru. when you move, when you are trying to adjust yourself to new people and surroundings.

My mail is coming over swell now. I even received a can of candy that you sent in January sometime. I haven't received the fruit cake yet tho. Mick and Patridge I was over to see them yesterday liked the candy so much. If you can get any extra I wish you would send them a can you can use this as a request I hope.

just send it to Lt. C. W. McKenna  
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I have asked about your  
Capt. Dewhurst and I found  
out where he is and also found  
out that Chuck Enderton, my  
pilot was instructing at the  
school where Dewhurst graduated  
and he knows him.

I received your letter of  
Feb. 4th. yesterday Bess and  
yours of the 15th. Mom. Glad  
to hear that all is well.

We have a lot of new  
boys in our barracks and they  
are all swell. I had to laugh  
at one of them today. He is a  
photographic officer and he has  
been out in the Pacific for the

past two years<sup>3</sup> which accounts  
for the following story, I guess  
anyway . . . . my wall was  
kind of bare when I got here  
and so I began to look around  
for a few pictures to decorate  
with. That's the way we usually  
brighten the place up. All I  
could find was a picture in  
Life of Sara Turner and her  
little baby so I put it up. This  
morning I was laying there  
with my eyes closed and I  
heard this boy ask one of the  
others if that was my wife and  
baby on the wall. Raised  
in a vacuum, huh?

By the way Mart Bischoff  
will soon be Capt. Bischoff, I found  
out yesterday. I'm glad of it. See

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was an instructor when I was  
at Reno.

I'm sending a little  
poem about the Forts that I  
like. I took it from the Stars  
and Stripes. I hope you are  
hearing of the deeds of the Fort  
crews. They're the pride of the  
air Force.

you told me to be sure  
and tell you so I guess I'd  
better. I have been awarded  
the Distinguished Flying Cross  
and the air medal with three  
oak leaf clusters.

I wish I could be home  
and go to Bandera this summer  
but I guess there will be other  
summers and we will take  
some real vacations then. The  
Big Bend Country and maybe  
someday we'll even go to Glacier

National park like we used  
to always dream we would.

my pilot 'Chuck' is from that  
part of the country and he says  
that it is all they say it is.

Hope Joe is doing O.K. and  
not working too hard. It won't  
be long before he's putting the boat  
in the water.

I guess I'll quit for now  
write soon.

Love to all,

Bill