

SANTA ANA
ARMY AIR BASE

Officers' Mess

December 10,

Hello Sweetheart:

See Sam again. It is a slow Sunday evening following the storm of last evening. We had a dance here at the club and as if that wasn't enough after the affair was over three of us started out on what finally became a very long night. We were feeling pretty good, what am I saying, we had to be to start for Los Angeles at that time of the night. We arrived at the station at about 3:00 a.m. and when we asked a cab driver to take us to a place that was open ~~and~~ we were on our way to the Lick Pier at Ocean Park and soon we were listening Al Donahoe and his band at the Avagon. You dance from 08:00 P.M. till 5:00 a.m. there's sweet and it beats me how they keep going. Since we were without dates and we didn't like the stag girls we just watched and what a show. I saw some dancing that you would never recognize.

as Ball Room stuff at all. Well I got home today just in time for church and then after the service I went to bed. Just woke up.

One day last week a friend here on the base, who has a fiancé in L.A., got me a blind date with a nurse in town. We went to the Coconut Grove and danced with Freddy Martini. It was too crowded to dance so we had to sit and talk ^{most of the time}. We saw Alice Faye & Phil Harris who were sitting at a table opposite us and Rudy Valle (sp), was also there. We had a good time, but I wish you had been with me. You're the one for me kiddo. It never seems the same with other girls. I guess it must be love, huh? - - - I know it is.

I guess I passed all my exams. The doctor says that I'm in very good condition. I went thru the physical without even slowing down. I was surprised that I did so well. You might get to wear pilot wings yet, Darling. It will take time though.

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I'm still hoping for a Xmas at home. I think I will be in Texas. So far as I know it will have to be Texas. You know that makes me mad I hope it isn't Ellington - gee that would be rough wouldn't it?

King, got a two week sick leave and will be back at Santa Monica in about a week. God, I don't know if you remember him or not, but he is on S.I. here at Santa Ana. We see each other every now and then.

I will be here for another week and then maybe I'll see you again. Be good and don't work too hard. Give your folks my best.

Love you
Billy

P.S. I wish you would tell Mom or Bess to pick up a shirt that I left at Battlestunio to be altered. It is already paid for and I left it there some time ago.

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