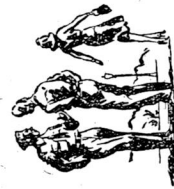


April 24 -

We've been working on the area again to make it look nice. When the major comes He's to arrive today if all goes well. Everyone knows and it is trying to make a good impression. The reason why we are restricted to the area. There has been a threat of a hurricane here for several days and we've been taking precautions against it. We could be taking the 7th day fighter. We had ground clothes we have some ammunition there a few have found occasion to use it. I've attempted to speak in after water. I learned of a station two that the girl who was so



Let us do what honor demands.—Racine

President at the Red Cross Club in Melbourne, Florida to dance. The one who asked all about me and seemed so interested. The one I tried to check was the richest girl in Melbourne. Her father owned 1/3 of the city. The mascot had looked with someone is still the best. I went down early that night and had my camera and by the means of waiting outside on her to take a picture of the group at the dance. She instructed herself to me and wanted to dance. Edith - Her name was Lydia Reed. but I didn't get her phone number. I was a story. I had written quite a story. I met meeting and

Be strong, and quit yourselves like men.—I Sam. IV: 9

trying to make the chance  
thousands of years were looking  
for - every child -  
May 8, 1945

I heard today that Heinrich had  
survived - now it is not  
had the tops. In other a formation  
was collected from the forest  
a few minutes before the target  
before we were told to go to base  
three - but from one base  
curving here and that was  
In a training mission (we found  
a small log-pole island (poppy)  
I don't know what the issue  
is - every time a mission  
falls out and a crew is left  
behind - but looking through me  
have found - in last place  
in some way that about  
ready for our original things.

It is not an army that we must train for war; it is a  
nation. - Woodrow Wilson

we shall get home at  
three to the west - but get  
any alterations - just right  
we pulled a man - by the  
Birmingham - and brought back  
a truck load of books - we  
show up to the clubs and  
headed it as there some away  
right inside the ship - with  
of the dock office - we stayed  
help tell two school - every and  
a floor in our head - every and  
around was requested of  
cases - because they could not  
sleep - and the apples and  
frog and called the place  
Chine farm. I found out a  
possible - says egg that 2  
more - right in the 7-15  
of paper - life is a moral  
to save much we could

Democracy is on trial in the world, on a more colossal  
scale than ever before. - C. F. Dole

Somewhere in India  
Feb- 12, 1945 -



C. B. I.

Darling Sweetheart -

Another letter to tell you sin 04. but since my last letter she found out how Singapore looks from the air - I don't care to see how it looks from the ground - at least not under its present ownership - They didn't even want us to see it from the air - in fact they were indignant about the whole affair - disregarding the fact that they had a welcome committee for us. even had us scared for a while -

then left and came home - or chased home  
That was our first mission -

We came home safely - with a few holes - and we saw one Jap fighter peel off into the clouds with smoke coming from his engine - but we can't claim him because we didn't actually see him destroyed. I was congratulated on my radio work by the major to our pilot - I thought it was one of the most jobs I'd done - one



C. B. I.

gunners deserve some praise too - In fact my part was meagre to theirs - Everyone did his part - exactly like he should - That's why we got back with out a scratch on any person - on our very first mission - stress completed - That's the way it looks to the Bomber command - but to me I have gained a testimony - my Patriarchal blessing is being fulfilled and God does answer prayers - in writing an account of it to mom - If the censor will let it pass - you can get it from her -

I heard from Lynn today - It's good to hear from him even if I don't visit him - he's not having it easy I guess. Your letters with my new address are coming through now and they seem to be coming through regularly - The last one took but only 11 days - it sure seems good too -

The natives raided the officers quarters last night and cleaned some of them out - One CO Pilot lost \$250.00. An order came out today telling us we will have to stand guard there each night - we think they should guard their own money - but that's just one of those things - Some of the officers don't want us to have to do it - but others "Eat the idea up" - They are the ones we don't care too much for - but they are





C. B. I.

officers - and we are enlisted men - I guess they  
have more to fight for than we do - will we tell  
their money from the Indians alright but we  
might have some fun doing it - we just as  
as well enjoy it since we have it to do - I'm  
glad most are officers are small guys - Two  
of our officers visit us quite often to see how  
we are - and if they can do anything for us -  
The other two are quite so interested in us -  
you can guess who we think most of - even if  
we do think a lot of all of them - there are two  
we'd do almost anything for.

Sit close for now Darling - write  
often - I love you so much - I miss you  
always - and think of you constantly -

Devotedly -

Alpine

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462ND BOMB GROUP

May 13, 1945

Darling Sweetheart -

Oh is another of those times when I want to write and have nothing to say - it's almost like a carpenter starting to build something with no material - he has the tools - the right intention but nothing to work with - so I don't know what kind of a letter this will turn out to be - we accepted the news of Germany's surrender with sober recitation in silent gratitude. If it came just over in this far away part now - there was no celebrating over here today - it's just another day - things went right on as usual - the only difference being that our hearts are lighter and more determined - we know a greater interest can now be directed towards our war and we all can get home sooner - much sooner than expected if my thing goes well.



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I was very disappointed yesterday - I tried to wash  
my sheets - after they were hanging on the line  
a wind came up and blew them in the dirt - so  
I washed them again - later right a rain  
storm came and when I got up, line sheets  
and all were in the mud - the sheets have  
tattle tale grey - with a dash of red but  
one still sheet, I'm afraid I used a little  
of that forgotten language, I once knew - "sheep  
herder's English" - it didn't help any either -

My goodness if I get interrupted many  
more times I never will get this letter  
finished - we ain't flying very much -  
McCully has sense now so we won't  
fly for a while I guess - so we've just been  
on odd details - this morning we are  
working on our walls - fixing them so  
we won't sink in the mud during the  
sunny season - or when it storms -



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Sweetheart - it will be swell when we  
can be together again - we missed you so much  
the past few months - I think you'll find we  
changed again - we but we be glad to see  
you again - I hope it's by Christmas - but that's  
just an arbitrary date - when ever that day  
comes - I think it will be for good - I love you  
so sweetheart - we have such a wonderful  
future - I know we'll make out alright  
Darling - our noblest ambitions will surely  
be realized - we love you always -

Devotedly

- Alpine -





UNITED STATES ARMY  
AIR CORPS



Darling Sweetheart,

May 30, 1945

Dick Jergens and his orchestra are playing here this evening for us so if I finish writing in time we go at two hours early and already guys are heading for the show to get seats so I doubt if there will be any by the time I want to go - besides I want to spend a little time with you - to let you know in alright after the last mission - and to tell you again that I love you - I suppose you have been keeping tabs on me the past week and a half from the papers - I was on all the raids - it hasn't been a pleasant job - but I hope it's shorter the more, and now we will not fly for a couple of missions - will rest a few days and do nothing but pull squadron detail - I carry your small picture always - and with it the blessing. on the last mission I was scared - as usual - every one is - I don't think we can ever overcome that feeling - but I felt so safe - I've lived the requirements called for in the blessing the best I can - and I know prayers are answered - I know we'll get back. Whole the way it always is - when I'm up there I always have that feeling - I took the other picture you always had - and placed it above my equipment in the plane - so you are always watching me -

We are all gradually getting battle wise - One pilot is improving - the navigator is getting so he brings us right in over the right place - and the radio man is more confident - but still learns all in all the crew is getting better and chances of getting back are improving - I don't have too much



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to do when we get back so go out with the  
gunners and help them clean the guns - im not  
too well versed on it - but can help them a little  
we spend quite a bit of time out there now just  
looking over it - doing little things - just babying it -

I was thinking today talking about the subjects  
I did best in at school - I think it was history & music -  
Do you think I could make a history teacher? I'll have a pretty  
good background for it by the time I get home. I wonder what  
all they have to study? I just hope all the pictures  
we taken are good - I have ever so many - but can't  
get them developed - I must have in the neighborhood  
of 400-500 pictures now - including some of Japan -  
I finished a roll of Kodachrome some time ago and sent  
it to mom - it was mostly of the crew - and this to  
try and send them on to their folks. When I was  
in India I sent a roll off - and they were to go  
to you after development - some of Brazil & Africa, - Did  
they ever arrive? Some of them the censors would  
in all probability keep till after the war - the  
were beach scenes - and shots from the air of  
shoreline blending with the blue sea - I thought  
they'd look good on Kodachrome - I sent \$100.00  
to you for a bank account - at Salt Lake - and have  
been wondering if you've received it - I have some more  
I want to send but if the other was lost I'll send  
this differently this time - be sure and let me know  
after each mission the medical dept. gives us all  
a shot of rubikby, I suppose its listed on their books  
as "new wave" - and I usually give mine to Pop -  
He's an old timer and really likes it - Last time he had  
mine plus his own - as well as two others - now a  
Pilot, He took them on after another - straight - and  
felt pretty good - He's a swell guy - has a few bad



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habits - as we all do in someone else's judgement - but his dependable and known responsibilities - 14 as two children back home - and misses his wife terribly - He's never stepped out on her since being with us - unlike quite a few married men. He shows me every letter from his 7-year old boy - who can't quite understand why his Dad can't be home like the other boys Daddys - ~~But~~ takes it good though - and when asked why he ever got in this mans army - he tells us the story of how his draft board sent a man to the induction center and how the induction center turned him down and got reeled at the draft board because the guy had two cork legs - Everyone over here is slightly disgusted because ~~some~~ some congressman is attempting to get medals for draft board medals - and men can't get medals over here for risking their lives -

I dream of you after sweetheart - I look forward to them always - Some are crazy - some serious - but some how it doesn't seem to matter as long as they are of you - I love you sweetheart so much every day we are apart now - seems as though it will be a week in our tomorrow - that will be a great day when the things we've planned - the love we've saved - the memories we've kept alive for the future will all be a reality - I'll love you my dear - always -

Devotedly

Alpine -