

1941



UNITED STATES AIR CORPS
MAXWELL FIELD, ALABAMA

Dec. 26th

Hello Everybody,

I hope you all had a good Christmas. I imagine you did. Mine was much surprised Christmas morning when I awoke and there were two boxes and lots of letters and Christmas Cards. I recieved your box Christmas Eve. It sure did come in good. Christmas Eve night my tent mates, (five of us) had a Christmas. We took one of the beds that was in the middle of the floor and used it for a table. We spreaded it with clean face towels. We had a Christmas Prayer by one of the boys then we all started to eat. The chicken went first. It certainly was good. We still have cakes. All of us got a cake. Most of the candy Bette sent is gone as well as Maries cakes. The whole Post was restricted. No one could get away. I don't know when the restriction will be lifted. Everyone is very much upset over that. I have been spending most of my Christmas in the bed.

I don't think I have ever recieved one-fourth as many cards as I did this Christmas. Lots of them came from people that I have met since I have been in the Army. About half of them came from Chicago. It's good to know people are thinking about you and you appreciate it so much more here in the Army. Life gets so dull here at times that just a letter or card from someone you know, makes you feel better. I recieved around fifty cards since last week. We have a tent just full of them.

I am living for one day now and that is the day that I will be able to return home. I don't



UNITED STATES AIR CORPS
MAXWELL FIELD, ALABAMA

2

have any idea when it will be. No furloughs are being granted in the Air Corps. I don't know when they will change that order. You can bet that as soon as it is changed I will come back. I would like very much to be at home with the girls. We could have so much fun together.

I was certainly surprised to hear from Marie about her new boy friend. She must be just putting John down. I can't understand that. I know he is worried to death. What happened to the two of them. They must be tired of each other. In a way I am glad that she is broadening her contacts.

I have been going around with a girl here that was engaged to marry yesterday to a fellow in Columbus, O. She broke the engagement with him. Now there is a report floating around that she broke it to marry me. She is a very popular girl here and by me going around with her I am beginning to be well known myself. Everyone I meet asks me when I am going to get married. You know I am not thinking about it. I know she broke it after I started to going with her. I didn't have any unusual amount of interest in her. I hate to tell her that since she has gone to so much trouble to break an engagement. She is really beautiful though. How would you explain to her in a case like this? I am really baffled. She is so easily hurt and I wouldn't want her to feel bad toward me. This is really a problem to me. I know you don't want your son to get married, do you?

3

I have often thought about how you might feel if I got married or for that matter, if any of us got married. I just don't have any confidence in them. Take Annise, the girl I have just related, she may make that man feel what she did until the day he dies. I don't want anything like that to ever happen to me. Of course, if she didn't love him over me or anyone else it is best for her to not marry. Still I don't like the spot she has put me in. She is a light brown skin girl with good black hair. It is as pretty as yours. I never like any girl but so much if she doesn't have good hair. I always remember what you say about sitting at home combing hair when I start going around with girls. I don't think I have ever had to come to you about anything like this in my life. It involves serious complications at the present with me. I think it is all my fault too.

I know the kids will have a good time with that bike. That is something that every boy wants. I hope it won't be the death of them. You warn them about cars and pedestrians. Bicycles are extremely dangerous. I hope everyone enjoys his Christmas. I hope that by next Christmas all of this World unrest will be over with.

I know Aunt Julia is having a time. She will miss me this year I'll bet. I liked to die last Christmas. I stayed up all night and all day. Was she improved her place any?

Well I must close now. Payday is Wednesday. That will Xmas for me.

P.S. About 400 planes came in here Wed.
You should have seen them. They are still here.

Yours
Walker