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Dear Folks:

Well, mail is starting to catch up with me now! Today I got 3 from Mom & one from Dave. I finally - after all these long years got a letter from Dad! Don't send that roll of film I sent you to develop! The E.T.O. doesn't appreciate pictures of airplanes & I may not be able to convince them that the pictures were all taken in the States! So keep the film & send me just some contact prints or small enlargements if you want to bother. I just want to see how I'm doing! I don't know how to use it yet. You might send over some Kodachrome. There are a lot of lovely old houses & churches around here that I might get to see if the war lets up a little. I could take some pictures of them.

Glad to hear about the gas furnace. Many was the time I laid in bed and listened as poor old Mom went down in the morning and fired up. It always made me feel tired. So I'm glad to hear about the automatic furnace.

I always enjoy the cartoons & clippings you send over. I'd seen "Dear Gertie" but the other cartoons I'd not seen. We don't get any magazines from the States except for a few small condensed sizes. The Sat. Eve. Post isn't represented. You mentioned my taking algebra. That was a one or 2 day quicky course when I had nothing to do while we were weathered in. You say the war looks marvelous. Well, I suppose so, but these characters who predicted the end of E.T.O. activities by Oct. 30 now have to look for which year that Oct. 30 is to occur in! If they think the Germans are licked, they should come with us one of these days! Huh!

Didn't know Bill H. had a girl in Toledo. If he wrote about her, I'd forgotten it. Come to think of it, he did mention it in a letter to Aron Park - I had a date or 2 with her at Dooster, I think that's the girl. I may be wrong, tho.

Say hello to Edna + Freda + John for me - if they haven't left by now.

I just re-read Dad's letter + see that he offers to send the prints + not the film. That's O.K. I misread the first time.

I wish I could tell you about my "work" of delux rum-running. Actually, things aren't so bad as were expected. We just say <sup>THINGS</sup> they are rough in combat. That way people feel sorry for us + old ladies give us their seats in the bus. Just another racket! It's interesting at first. After awhile you just get "flake happy" + they send you back to the States after so many missions for a \$ 30-day flake leave. A racket!

How come you sent the "Science News Letter"? ~~I'm going~~ I'm glad to get it, for we have no magazines except "Yank" at this post. But I thought maybe there was some particular article you wanted me to see. I haven't read it carefully yet, but I'm sure glad to get it + ~~we~~ would always welcome it. It's a good magazine. Thanks alot.

I'm going to get around to sending you those "Stars + Stripes" that I mentioned in ~~my last~~ <sup>one of my</sup> letters. ~~that~~ That is the paper I want you to save for me. <sup>Saurinero,</sup> ya might say.

I'd fiked to have ~~you~~ seen Dave as Dewey. I'll bet you wouldn't have gotten the fine hand from a crowd from, say Collinwood Hi School. But then, Collinwood never entered into the calculations of the gay society mob from L.A.S., either!

I'm sleepy, as you can no doubt tell. So,  
Love, Bob.