

December 31, 1944

Dearest Sweet,

This new years eve gives me a chance to answer some of the letters I got to-day. Its the first mail we have gotten in quite a long time. Everyone is here & then reading them. we have to keep well spread out because its nice like this that every plane always come over.

with this pile of letters before me its hard to get started, but since I've not had the chance to write in a couple or three days will try & make this a long one. In the dryer or more letters I've gotten to the \$25 money order came also a card from Curtis Publishing Company saying that a very beautiful girl requested that they send me the Saturday Evening Post. I thank sweet really good of you. Sorry that your mother Candy hasn't gotten here yet, but know the PD is doing all it can. Also got a Xmas card from Leon & Lucille.

Everything here sweet is getting along fine. Sorry Chester got things so mixed-up. I haven't been sick a day

since we got off the boat. we did
get rear of the road some time ago
by enemy planes, but none of us got a
scratch. Harvitt said anything about that
because that is just normal & things
like that may happen every day.
I can't think what Chester could have
meant & don't want to bring it up
this late date.

Glad that you are still getting
my mail OK. I think the mail situation
will pick up after the Xmas week. Glad
that you got so much for your birthday.
By this time you must have the apt
fixed-up in fine shape. would really
love to drop by for awhile and take
a look. Do you still cook your meals
at home? I suppose you spent your
Christmas holidays in Darlington etc. & will
start the new year off by coming home
& getting things set for school.

Do you still go to the sewing club?
I suppose you were surpris when the
kids remembered your birthday. They probably
can remember things like that better than
I. Perhaps it was their idea to get on
the good side of the teacher.

you must stay up late nights.
All your letters lately seem to be
written late at night. Had better

take care of yourself - your twenty five
now and not sweet sister. I had
forgotten how old you were - hope
we can be together on your next
birthday. Do you like teaching sweet? I'm
glad you made out OK on the exams.
which do you like better Dillon or
W Columbia?

Please don't do any worrying sweet.
I'll be the first to tell if anything
happens. we have had lucky breaks
all the way thru & it will continue
I'm sure. It's natural to loose clothes
etc in our advance of a great many
miles. I've been over ten thousand
now & probably see that many more
before its over.

Thanks again for sending the money
if I need any more I will let you
know. There is not a thing that
I can think of now that I need.

Mom & Dad take very good care of us.

where did you take the exams
in Dillon or Columbia? I know you
will make good. you surely are good
at getting things fixed-up for the Apt.
you did wonders with boxes & trunks
in Columbus.

Is Buddy still getting along OK.

It was sweet of him to wait for you

until after the stone. How did his eye
even get? Glad that you got the rug
& the apt complete. Is there anything
else you need?

Glad you are making out OK at
bridge. you will have to give me a
few pointers after I get home.

I can't place the new preacher
at Dillon; however, I do remember meeting
him at the beach. we surely will have
to take another honeymoon sweet. It was
a lot of fun wasn't it?

I suppose winter has begun to
show up in Dillon by this time so we
have had one snow after another here.
The ground has been frozen for several
days. It is much better that so much
mud. Slipping in the snow is nothing
compared with rain & mud. It brings
me back to Camp Atterbury. I hear
the maj is in there parts now. Remember.

I can't come close to answering
all your letter to-night with, but
will do it the first thing next year.
Still love you more than words
can tell. Hope I can soon tell
you in person. Love you with
all my heart. Love Always,
Carroll