

May 11th, 1943

Dear Afton;

I do wished you could have been with me this week end. Many times I have fondly wished this but never more than of late. Perhaps it is because everything ~~seems~~ seems to have suddenly become alive. People are swarming to the beaches, while cars in spite of gas rationing are filling the highways. The wards in San Diego are announcing their spring parties and picnics, which when I am not working, I usually attend---however always alone. I mean alone in the sense that I go with none of the female gender. You can understand now why I miss you.

I asked my divisional officer the other day ^{if} it would be possible to have a man in the code room stand by for me while I stretched my weekly 48 hour leave into a 72 hour leave, which would enable me to fly to Salt Lake. He replied that it would be out of order and recommended that I do not try it. I am quite certain that I can clear a flight for myself and may yet attempt to do it ~~in~~ on my 48. If I am able ^e to clear a certain flight through I shall let you know so you can stand by, since I shall only be able to be in for 12 or 15 hours. I just had a five minute conference with my partner here in the code room and we have decided to make some preparation to clear a flight into Salt Lake next Mon evening. Now don't ~~ban~~ ^{hang} too heavy on it but if it is at all possible I will be home. Now just to make sure that I don't get hung up there will you make a reservation for me on a commercial flight either late Tues evening ^(8th) or early ^{Wed. (19th)} Tues morning. Then in the event that I can't get an army or navy

transport I shall be able to fall back on my other reservation. Again let me say this will just be a gamble and if it falls through I will let you know. It will then be necessary for you to cancell my reservation on the commercial flight.

I still hav'nt heard from Roy. I believe I told you that the district here has no record of him. Better send me his adress.

Well, there were a few things I was going to chat about in this letter but since there is a possiblity of my being home next week I will let it ride until then.

I hope you have recieved my picture and that somehow it will serve the purpose. The reason I hav'nt written more often is because I have been waiting for answers to my letters. Hereafter I shall whip out a letter when ever I have the time and impulse.

For now, s'long,



P. S. I just had along chat with a Lt. Truxell who is the Captain's right hand man about the advisibility of me going to S.L. on my proposed hop. He discouraged me and asked me to ask for a few days leave. I have now decided to do this and will judging from what he told me, likely get it. I can get this leave on the strength of the fact that I am going home for some urgent matter. Seeing you and attempting to determine what the future holds for us has now become an urgent matter to me. And although this will mean that I can't get any more leave this year I still believe I had better do this.

(Following day)

My request for a leave was granted. I asked for five days commencing May 28th. I should be able to get a flight out of San Diego some time that same day which will put me in Salt Lake late that evening or early saturday morning. Will send you time and hour later.