

OFFICERS MESS  
ARMY AIR BASE  
PUEBLO, COLORADO



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Dear Mom,

As yet, I haven't received any mail from you since I left home. I'm writing again, however, just to let you know about this new base.

We arrived here about 8 A.M. Saturday. We left Clovis about 3 Friday afternoon, & we expected to be here some time Friday night, but we were on a special train, & it took us 18 hours. It wasn't so bad, however, because we had good accommodations on the train. Between the four of us we had two connecting drawing rooms, each with private sink & toilet. All the officers on the train had either Pullman or drawing rooms, but the enlisted men travelled in the coaches.

This is the nicest army camp I've been at thus far. It looks more like a city, than a bunch of shacks thrown together. The buildings are made of wood & painted white so that they make a nice appearance. The town, also, is supposed to be pretty good, & quite large. There is a steel plant there, & it's called the "Pittsburgh of the West." I haven't been in town yet, but expect to get there today.

we will be here a few months, & I'm expecting Pearl down as soon as she is able to come. There are several apartment houses in town, & we are going to try to get either an apartment or a house. One of my friends, Phil Schneider, is having his wife come down too, & we are going to try to find a place together.

The weather out here is quite cold & very dry, so that you don't feel it so much. This is at the foot-hills of the Rockies, & very nice country. We can see the snow covered mountain peaks in the distance to the west of us. Pike's Peak is only about 50 miles from here.

So far, we haven't done very much, & no flying at all, because some of our men were given leaves & won't be back until the 17<sup>th</sup>, when we do fly. However, it will be in the B-24, Liberators. The work will start soon, & they've been telling us it's a tough schedule.

That's about all the news for the present. I'll write again soon, but let me hear from you also.

Regards to everyone at home.

Marty