

Shanghai, China

Feb. 9, 1941.

Dear Mother,

How is everything, fine I'm sure. How is dad? I hope he is in the best of health. I'M sure the cafe is doing alright. Is old Fort Worth the same? I still haven't received any word from George yet. The letters I wrote him have come back to me. I wrote them to him in Ada, Oklahoma. If you hear from him get his address and send it to me, I would like very much to hear from him.

How are you getting along mother, I wish you well and are in the best of health. Talk about missing someone I do miss you a lot. It seems like the last time I was home, it seems like ten years ago or more. I left home about a year and three months ago, but it seems a long time. What kind of weather are you having in Fort Worth? I'll bet it is cold there. Have you had any snow yet? We really been having some cold weather here in Shanghai. And I mean cold too, the cold here is wet and it goes right on through you. The chinese people here are in a bad way, what I mean is that they have no warm clothes to wear or no food to eat. There are so many of them that the city cannot take care of them all. The people in the states say that they have no breaks, I'd like to see them out here and see the way these people live and he would say that he lived like a king in the states. I won't tell you anymore about this for the time. But I just wanted to tell you about it.

Mother, there is something I have to tell you. You got my letter I wrote telling you that I couldn't send you the money because I couldn't get a money order slip. The marine post office here will not make one out for me because, it would not reach you in the first place. You see mother they are censoring all letters coming in and going out of China. Japan I guess needs some money to carry on the war they have and that one to get some money. So the best thing to do is wait until it is okay to send it to you. You might think that I don't have the money and I am telling this so I won't send it, but you can read the newspapers. But I will send it as soon as possible.

Well I must close now and go on duty. Tell ~~everybody~~ everybody hello for me and write soon if not sooner. Don't forget if you hear from George tell him to write me.

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I received your cakes and they were fine. The fruit cake was alright but the other cakes were a little stale, I guess it took too long to get here. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the present.

Your loving son,

PETE

P.S. Please write soon and don't worry about the money I'll will send it to as soon as possible. I want you to know that I am thinking of you, dad, Mike and George. You are in my heart all the time. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

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