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Dear Mother and Dad,

This is it! Just a hurried note for a few particulars and final word before departing. The 'circus' will conclude its final performance and is scheduled to entertain on the Continental India, Burma, China theatre. I find my recent experience in mode of travel was intended to serve a more practical purpose than was anticipated. I truly think this organization is being shown favoritism and am looking forward to a most splendid and inspiring trip. Will give Nicholson our regards and upon arrival at my new outpost will be free to inform you on all these experiences now at the moment in store. Cannot but feel that overwhelming thrill so eminently scheduled.

Will not be able to justly record my impressions and feeling of my trip home at this time except to say that I have been able to revive those memories which will serve to barricade against the more difficult happenings that might cross our path. Melancholy will never trouble me as long as I have such nice friends and above all such fine parents at home to back me up.

Also I realize how futile would be my endeavor to describe my flying experiences as I find my thoughts and adjective inadequate to handle such entirely new and fantastic a world as one behold below. The only really adequate manner in which these things can be appreciated is to actually experience them personally. May I have the pleasure of escorting you & Dad to southern Utah, Grand Canyon etc and return via Wasatch by the more delightful mode of transportation. Do it a date?

Received your package and my sincere thanks for such a useful gift. I never realized just what a developed case I had been using until I had the chance of directly comparing with the new prize. It is a most practical case for overseas use and one that also can be used after the war is over. There was a rather interesting incident that occurred in connection with the conversion of shaving equipment from the old to the new bag. The new case