



FORT BLISS, TEXAS

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Dear Mother & Dad \ Received your
very welcome gift this morning. I
can find a thousand places to put it and
will think quite a while before I
do put it anywhere. I am indeed
very grateful to you. Hope you could
spare it.

There are many boys in the army who
have a history of insanity in their
families. If you took that into consid-
eration it would take a staff of a million
to check on the history. No, they should be
taken care of by the state. Many can't
stand the war. sensitive souls. We have
some - so called psycho-neurotics or
anxiety ~~neuroses~~ neuroses. They should be
put out of the army as soon as they
are discovered. which is what I do.
They are pitiful, yes, and weak. War is a
man's job.

No, Pap, I never found any trouble
with your heart, except its age. When a
heart has taken care of you for 65 years
you should take just as good care of it for
the next 65 years. Mother is on the right
track and know enough medicine to take
good care of you. Listen and obey her
just as you would any good doctor.
I agree, I want you both there when
I come home in 1944 (late). You
must let the work go that you can't
do easily and without hurting yourselves,

both of you.

I envy you and your freedom with the piano. I would love to play it that way. I have spent many pleasant hours "fiddling at the piano", and will again some day, I hope. Get enough pleasure out of it for both of us. Where do you have it? Against which wall in which room?

It was such a tick on my imagination to keep up the story telling day in and day out that I finally had to buy some Uncle Remus, Bro. Rabbit etc, books to get a rest. But the stories in the books don't satisfy them as mine do. I don't have time to note occurrences I want to remember in my diary, let alone write any of these stories. The girls won't remember any of them, either, but they will remember the enjoyment they had in hearing them as I remember those you used to read me and those old Noah used to tell us when you went out to dinner & dance or bridge -

Tell Laura B. she is two behind. Our fifth will be here soon now, I hope. But you turn to one its a girl again. I hope so. We don't want a sissy.

See you later:

all my love,

Your son
T. W.