

468th Bomb Group Hqs

APO 493, Care Postmaster, New York
July 12

Dear Laura:-

I am writing this in a B 29 at 2300 feet. We have just got over the hump and are in the upper Irrawaddy region, on our way back to India, after some time at the forward bases in China. About what we have been doing up there, you have read in the papers. Details we can't tell. Myself, I do a good deal of commuting between India and China, which is a reasonably rugged job in itself, and full of interests. Photographically, both ends of the route are fascinating. With time, one could have a fine day in the picturesque back country of China where our particular Shangri-La is situated.

I am taking many photos with my little camera. Some are coming out very well indeed. About all I can do here is to get them developed. But there will be some lovely enlargements later.

By the way, if you can, please send along another batch of 620 double X super speed. And keep track of all the money you are spending on my behalf, so I can repay you later.

I've been thinking a lot lately about future photographing. I have three fine stories all lined up in my mind. And what I want you to do is to come to the Sierras and spend a good time there, and cruise about a bit and make the finest photos devisable. There is a lovely little guest house available for you, and I believe you would have a grand time. And get a magnificent series of pictures. Certainly I know no one I would rather have work with me illustrating the pieces I plan, and of which the pictures can be a very important part indeed.

Now we are reaching southward over the flat flooded lands of India. Soon we will begin to broil.

See you soon, I hope. And thanks for all the trouble you have gone to on my behalf.

If you write Shirley or Brenda, pass along my greetings. I'll drop a line now, to your fellow townsman.

Sincerely,

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And now I get back to India + don't seem to have your address, so I am enclosing this + asking Elizabeth to get it to you