

and the finest summer weather. Have seen all this in the space of a week. The last few days have been grand. My arms are sunburned from running around in my summer undershirt. Last Sunday it snowed, so you can see how it goes."

"Have heard from home quite regularly. Hope Bob keeps out of the fuss for awhile."

"Last I heard from home they said George was in France. I hope I run across him. Don't count on it very much tho' as it would be a little too much to hope for."

"Wish I could tell you where we are bound for, but all I can do is kind of follow tips. From what I hear, Morrison, Virginia, is our destination. You might try a card there at any rate."

Ben, 332nd Aero Squadron,  
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Hazel to G. V. Anderson to Toronto. Jan 13 '18.

"If you come in May as you plan, we will arrange to do more "gadding". There isn't much to show a Westerner in this neck of the woods. When we go driving and those we are with rant over the scenery, I can't enthuse as much as I'd like to, because of the wonderful Western scenery."

"I suppose you've been "enjoying" the same blizzard we've just gone through. Some weather we've had for over two days. The thermometer next door registered 20 below yesterday and at various places it registered 20, 22, and 24 below and the wind was blowing 45 miles an hour. Cold believe me, and Harry was home with a cold. He would have gone to the office, but there was no car service for which I was thankful as he was in no shape to go out. We are managing to keep our house warm--have had it 70 above most of the time. It requires lots of firing tho'. We have no gas for heating purposes now, haven't since two days after you left. Had a splendid letter from mother last week. All were well, and they were having such splendid, wonderful weather and beautiful roses! Make me sick!"

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Mother to G. V. Seattle to Toronto Jan 15 '18.

"No news more than a letter from George written Dec. 18th., the day they left New York for England, and on the next day added a note as they were entering Halifax. Said that city surely did look as if it had been hit a hard blow. He states that they went on a fine liner, and not a transport. Expected to have a fine trip across. They are to stay in England until Spring."

"Have Rata Ann here until noon, then she will go home with Bess. Must not write any more as she is coaxing for music. We have the old Victor here now. Bob had the mill crowd in Monday night--about twenty-five of just the boys from the office."

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January 25th.,

"The weather is rather nice for January--more like April or May. Uncle Doc says not since the first winter he came to Seattle have we had such weather. Too bad you have to miss it."

"The mill want Bob to take the night Superintendents position but it means twelve long hours at the mill and nearly two hours going and coming, and he is such a poor sleeper during the daytime that he is still considering the offer. He only started on the new eight-hour system last week and we were delighted."

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Father to G. V. Jan 13 '18.

"We are fine, all up and eating our three squares a day--weather fine--no snow yet and no ice. So far has been an exceptionally fine winter. Pha's are well and home"

Ben to C. V. Morrison Virginia to Toronto. Feb. 2nd, 1918.

"We got here alright. Reached here Wed. A. M. (Jan 30th) after a trip that came near hitting all the southern states. We came through Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia. Everybody was jolly on the trip and we had a real good time."

"This is simply a port of embarkation but is pretty well fixed up. Has wooden barracks, good toilets and showers with hot and cold water. We are six miles from Newport News, Va. We may go out of here any time within ten days. All they hold us here for is a transport and sufficient men to fill it up."

"I am ready to go anytime. I wish it was a little warmer but have not been bothered by the cold so far. It is pretty cool here and one of the fellows in my squad frosted an ear. The "Sunny South" is not so sunny now. I am not very partial to the south--it is altogether too backward. Very few good roads and the schools are not very good either, I hear."

"Came through Charlotte, N. C., where George was in camp. Good looking little burg and the camp lays about two miles from town. It's a tent camp. We got off the train and took a "hike" there."

"I intend to stock up pretty well with tobacco before we sail. I have a fair supply now, but since coming here have talked with men who say a fellow cannot take too much across. "Bull Durham" brings thirty cents a sack over there and is hard to get at that."

"Heard from father yesterday. The letter followed me from Waco. Said he and Mr. Norman were in "cahoots" again and have a desk in the Alaska Building. Hope he flags a deal now and then."

"Have to dash over now and get breakfast so will say good bye. Write me, for I surely would like to hear from you again before going across. Will try and write again myself."

Fondly, Ben.

670th Aero Squadron,  
Morrison, Virginia.

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Mother to C. V. Seattle to Toronto Jan 28th '18.

"I have written several letters and now it is after two P. M., and I wish to go down town and mail Bob's pictures and this letter so will not give you a very long letter."

"The girls surprised me with special letters on my birthday. Hazel's came in on Saturday night at 11.30. I was nearly ready to faint faint when I opened the door--thought it was a telegram, but it proved to be a letter with some pictures of the girls and their friends and a nice monetary remembrance. Raye also sent me some "cash", so you see I will have postage for several weeks."

"I sent Ben a jar of jam, jar of cheese butter, and pair of socks last Saturday. Am going to write to George today or tonight. Poor kid, guess he will think that because he is so far away we all desert him, for he told us to keep right on writing and send to same address."

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Following "paragraphs" are from W. H. Jacques, W. H. Aurelius, and E. W. Wiley.

(Patiently waiting! Got me?)

(Three of a kind are hard to beat.(Hoyle))