

Wednesday 8.10.41  
April 28/43

Dear Jan

As usual this is Red Cross  
night and I'm on a plane, but  
I just wanted to let you know  
the latest news from Joe - and  
enclosing a letter which came  
today - when you read it -  
send it on to Dot. As Joe  
requested I kept it dark  
not even letting the kids  
read it - just the Chief & me.  
As for Nell I had called  
her when I got the telegram  
so I'm not going to tell her  
about the letter - I told  
her I thought from the  
telegram he was moving.  
She had an Easter Card  
from him on Sat. but no

letter in 3 weeks. Says Helen Moraw  
is and has been home sick - she  
now has a heart murmur. Fel is  
just about getting over his blood  
donation. I kidded the phat of of her.  
As soon as they all are well they'll  
be out -

Well Jan I even if it against  
the rules I'm awfully glad Joe  
wrote. Even after the telegram I  
somehow felt I'd get a letter from  
him, and he didn't let me down.  
At least now we know definitely  
what's what - nothing to do now  
but pray and wait for mail.  
He's probably chuffed at his chance  
to go over, and for his sake I'm  
glad.

Ella Hill phoned since I started  
this letter, and they were delighted  
with the letter you sent her. They  
think you a swell letter writer -  
Ella says she'll answer but not  
too soon for fear you'll feel you  
have to answer immediately.

Nothing <sup>else</sup> new here Jan.  
Reading between the lines do <sup>you</sup> think  
Joe flew a cross - also he's  
evidentially a turret runner.

I promised Felix girl I'd let  
her know if I heard any more news  
but I'm not telling anyone but you



and Dot on on this last letter.  
Want it be something if  
he's gone to England and  
can contact Alfred Kerwan.

I am I have to quit - supposed  
to leave in 20 minutes & still  
have a talk to take.

Love and Good Luck  
from Mother.

I plan on writing Joe from home  
to home and when I get an  
address I'll send it as one  
big letter. Then he'll be up on  
everything from the time he left.

Let's pray we'll get an  
address soon - I'll receive  
Friday morning for you  
three and especially his  
safe arrival overseas.



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