

Ephrata, Wash
Sept 27, 1942

Dear Mama,

I got your last letter several days ago but I didn't write because I didn't have any way to send it air mail and I thought I could wait and get some stamps and get it there just a soona. I ~~handed~~^{humped} this envelope off a feller to write this.

Last Sunday about one hundred of us went up to the Grand Coulee Dam

which is about 60 mile
North of here. It is
the largest dam in
the world. It locks
water 151 miles up
the Columbia River.

At first we watched
the water from
below the dam and
I was disappointed with
it from there. It
looked small. Later
we went up on
top and looked down
and we could see how
far down the river
we had been it made
the dam look small.

They said it was 400 feet to the bottom.

They say more water goes down the Columbia River than any other river. The hotter and drier it gets the more water goes down because it's fed from snow that melts.

I fired my first army rifle Monday but I didn't do so good. I fired 22 times and only made one bull's eye. I come close several times.

We have packed

most of our supplies is
 boxes for shipment
 and we were to have
 left here yesterday
 but I we won't
 leave until about
 Wednesday. We think
 we are going to Sioux
 City, Iowa we don't
 know yet. I don't
 know how they get
 me out of Sioux.

If we do go there
 my address will be
 356 Service Sq
 42 Service Group
 Army Air Base
 Sioux City Iowa

The three 356 is one of the Sgds in the 42 Group.

The ⁴² First Sergeant of the 3278th Sq. Hq. Gp. at Mendon was killed in a jeep wreck. He had a wreck today we left Mendon but he set up while the Dr. bandaged his face. We heard later he died.

Winston Grey and Murray Probst are both in this Group. I don't know if you can tell who I mean by

my spelling

I got a letter from Robert and J. R. and I have to write them. If you want to you can write me a letter at that address in Sioux City and if I go there I will get it.

I got the letter from from Mendover you sent at last.

You never did say if Daniels got to be Denton again or not. Well I guess I will stop now. Love Norman