

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 as soon. I bumped this envelope off a feller to write this.

Last Sunday about one hundred of us went up to the Ground Coulee Dam whis [sic] is about 60 miles north of here. It is the longest dam in the world. It backs water 151 miles up the Columbia Riber. 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 [sic] 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 dryer it gets the more water goes down because it's 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 cam close several times.

We have packed most of our supplies in boxes for shipment and we were to have left here yesterday but we won't leave until about Wednesday. We thank [sic] we are going to Sioux city, Iowa but we don't know yet. I don't know how they get Sue out of Sioux.

If we do go there my address will be

356 Service Sqd

42 Service Group

Army Air Base

Sioux City, Iowa

The 356 is one of the Sqd in the 42 Group.

The First Sergeant of the 327 Sqd Hq. Hq. Gp. at Wendover was killed in a jeep wreck. He had a wreck the day we left Wendover but he sat up while the Dr. bandaged his face. We heard later he died.

Window Greg and Murry 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 [sic] Wendover you sent at last.

You never did say if Daniels got to be Senti [sic] again or not. Well I guess I will stop now.

Love,
Norman