

Feb. 13, 1944.

Dear Kimi:

How do you do! Etc, etc, etc.

I am really behind schedule with my correspondence. I feel like a heel with my late reply to your letter of the first of January.

I am glad to hear of your new or renewed spirit concerning your education and general outlook. It kind of peped me up when I read your paragraph concerning your "ressurrection" from mental inertness and interned life. I would like your permission to quote from your letter the passages which express your renewed spirit. I am not trying to flatter you on your writing ability. I only want to use it as an

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I find my audiences quite cooperative and sympathetic to my views. I really don't know whether ~~my~~ my talks do any good or not. It is pretty hard to find out. Recognition of ideals and principles does not necessarily ^{wholly} control the actions of an individual.

I received a little surprise the other day. My mother sent me a list of fellows cleared for the selective service by the Millard county draft board. My name appeared as the only one in the space reserved for ^{list} names beginning with the letter "B". What I don't understand is the fact that the other 120 fellows are all 18 and 19 year olds who registered at Topay recently and I am the only one of my age group to

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actual case (~~being~~) illustration of a young person returning to normal life. No names shall be used. I get involved in some "speech making" here in Dayton at various young people's church groups, etc. I particularly don't relish the idea of doing this sort of public relations work but when I see that the group involved is sincere and there is a chance for me to do some good for our benefit and the education of my audience I consent to bore them with my discourse.

I try not to make it a crying session about emigration, etc. but base ~~on~~ my talk ^{on} ~~about~~ the general subject of relationships between groups of different ancestry, Christian ideas on this subject, and the ideals of a democracy.

appear on the list. I had registered ⁽⁴⁾
for the draft back in California.
I haven't received any official
notice yet but expect to very
soon. (Back to barracks and
camp life maybe.)

I enjoyed your report on
Topay's winter scene and activity.
The new aird-gym must be quite
a structure. I had once thought
that I would get to use that
gym at least once before I
bid Topay good bye. Now I can
only read the different reports
I get on the gym.

Thank you for telling me
about seeing my mother
at the post office. She does
understand English if spoken
slowly enough and she can make
herself understood in English. She
writes all her letter to us "kids"

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in English. She has been buching
up on her spelling and grammar
at the adult English class.
I bet she ~~is~~ ^{is} lonesome because
it is the first time all of us
have been away from ^{home} at the
same time. (No week end visits
possible either.)

I am sorry that Frank's
marriage caused you a little
trouble. I am sure he had no
intention of hurting you but had
always considered his relationship
with you on a friendship basis.
He does think very highly of you
as a person and does value
your friendship quite highly.
Please do not be too hard on
Frank. I can sympathize with
both of you ~~and~~ and will
not mention either of you to either
of you ~~for~~ concerning this matter again.

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The east more urban than rural.
I am assuming quite a bit in
the previous sentence

You mention something about
a "project." Well from my
understanding I haven't progressed
very far. I don't know whether
I ever got started or not.
I often think it is just
my imagination. (What an imagination!)
I will find out someday.

I get a letter once in a
while so I will rate my
project as being a friendship
(at least).

My job is getting a little
more interesting but I often think
they ask the impossible. I
am progressing (I think). Maybe
every body else is moving and I
am standing still. The illusion being
that I feel I am moving when I see

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You need not "spill" the
"works" to me unless you desire to.
I have no curiosity for knowing
the story because I believe it
is out of my realm. (None of my business)
You have probably forgotten about
the matter by now anyway. (By
the way you must have met
some interesting fellows or something
at school.)

I agree with you on your
idea of coming east for school
in the near future. I don't know
much about B.V. but if it
seems a little rustic and
behind the times you better
move to where you think you
are getting your money's worth.
I don't know what you are
majoring in - but there are many
fine schools in the east. You
may also find the people in

The others go sailing by.

Well I think I have written enough and your eyes are probably pretty well tired out trying to make head or tail of my very "legible" penmanship.

Good luck to you and your family. I hope everyone is getting along as best they can under the present circumstances.

Sincerely

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