

Poston Arizona
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Dear Mrs. Whitney,

Just a few hastily written lines to let you know we are surviving this terrific heat wave we've been having for the past week. Five out of the seven days, the temperature hit a new high of 110° inside our apartment - it's far from being comfortable too.

Our daily dust storms have some what ceased, but Friday night we had one that almost made up for the stormless days. In fact - we almost felt it were a miniature tornado of some sort.

I've had the roughest cold now for the past four days, and the fine dust certainly aggravates my sore throat. We jokingly feel by the time we're out of here, we'll need a new set of lungs. By the way, they say Arizona:

climatic condition is good for everything, but from my girl friend who works in the hospital lab, there are a great many new cases of T.B coming in - as I say, this dust is terrible.

109 We attended mass yesterday morning - and had to go to block 45 for services. Father Lavery was there, and after services I lingered a while to talk to him. You can imagine how thrilled I was when he said he had something for me, and when the boy brought his bag in, he took out a box with a beautiful Crucifix in it. It is about six inches long, and I certainly shall cherish it. At the same time, I had him bless the medals you sent, and gave one to Louise too, was that all right? Father Lavery said he was going to visit us in the afternoon, but undoubtedly he was very

busy and could not find
time. I am very anxious to
have Father Lavery visit us
as I know I could gain some
very good information on the
proper usage of the Missal.
I've come to the conclusion
I must be very stupid as I
haven't been able to follow
Mass yet!

Was George confirmed Saturday.
You must have all been
very much pleased over it.

I shall write you my
usual lengthy letter when
I get a little higher out of
(so to say) the dumps. I'm
afraid now, the complaints
would be far from few.

Mad and the rest send
their regards to you all
with love,
Fernando