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Easter

Dear Emmett:

The Jordans and May and Janet McDennell have just left after having dinner with us at 6:30--now 10:30 p.m. Maybe I should not tell you that we had baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, string beans, tomato and apsaragus salad, olives, celery, jelly, mom's rolls, angel food cake with whipped cream and coffee. We hope your meals are better by this time. I'd say it is the fault of the man who runs your mess that you have such meals. Why don't you all get together and take the matter up with someone higher up? We will send some V-8 next time and see if there is a carrot juice on the market. This being April fool's day as well as Easter, the weather man surely fooled the ladies. We went to 7:30 mass in a regular blizzard. Snow drifted all around the corners of the house and garage and down the alley. We took the car on account of the deep snow. Was not so cold though. Mary Ann had some new two-tone shoes and a little suit, while mother had a new hat for the occasion. But both had to forego the pleasure of wearing them this morning. MaryAnn got to display the shoes to the guests this evening. (Oh, yes, we had a little drink before dinner. The ladies preferred gin so had TomCollins and Jimmy Jordan had a whiskey and water, I had some gingerale, and the youngsters had cokes.) Aunt Ginny is due to arrive here Wednesday afternoon on the 2:40 plane, and will have about three weeks. She said "no entertaining" so will take it esay and rest up. Leo and Tess left South Bend today for the final journey and the fatal step will occur Thursday, the 5th. And Howie will be battling for the rest of his life, or should I say FOR his life? He'll have no rest. Heh!

Your descriptions of the trips are very vivid and interesting. Mom don't care about them but I enjoy hearing about the excitment, etc. So maybe you can tell me about them and mail the letter to the office and then I'll d cide whether to have mom read it too. What say? I think it is a relief of your reaxtion to tell someone about the missions and you feel better afterwards. I had hopes of something similar in the last war and maybe that is why they don't bother me like they do mother. Reckon you have a swell crew and they are all so calm under fire as Carey. Capt. Seitz is one fine pilot and I know you all are doing the very best job you know how. Give 'Em Hell! We are wondering whether you have yet received the first box we sent you. Wish you would so we could figure out how long parcel post takes to reach you. Air mail is about ten days, you know. Gosh, it takes so long to get answers to or from you. Well, I don't know of anything else to say tonight, so may asxwell call this a letter and hike up and to bed.

L ve from all of us.

Dad