

My army no. is 39260192

The Seaman School  
El Monte, Cal  
Oct 21, 42

Dear Annie -

Just a note to acknowledge yours of Oct 16.

Tomorrow is the big day in the life of the soldier when they try to discover if I have any intelligence or not. — I am using Lindrey Road again as my address for general mail and will let you know as soon as possible how to forward it to me. You may be right, that I can come and get it. I would like nothing better than to be with you all - in the newly painted house - it sounds like the last word in elegance.

I have ordered my trunk and one box to be sent on to you, freight, from San Luis Obispo. The trunk will not be crated and can be put in a case, also the box. For the present, I am leaving other bags with friends in L.A. until I find out if I will be able to use any of the things in them. The letter from the Red Cross was a last minute job to illustrate a Pease Buck story

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for Joe Red + News. I guess its the same story  
that Child Life rejected. I'm sending them the  
pictures today.

Edmund is here at this school. He was due  
to have his final citizenship papers almost  
a year and a half ago, but they are  
still held up. Now he is classified IA, so  
when he gets the papers held be in the  
army or visa versa.

Last Saturday I crashed the gates at  
the private residence of Walter C. Arenberg  
who has one of the well know collections  
of Modern Art, and Central American Pre  
Columbian in America. I just phoned +  
said that the last thing I wanted to do  
before induction was to see his treasures.  
The treasures were in bedrooms + closets +  
everywhere so I had in intimate inspection  
of the house with Walter + wife + guides.

Yesterday came a present of a most  
perfect pair of army socks. I do appreciate  
your desire to send me what I need but  
its best to wait a bit, so I'll know what  
I can use. During these last two months I've  
been concentrating on getting rid of things!

War Dept. has Stans orders. also N.Y. Life

I've just been reading up on cryptography, but  
codes seem liable to confusion. Can't you work out  
one? Hastily Tom