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Hi Dora,

I am sorry that I did not write you sooner and let you know that I received your letters and boxes. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking the time to write and let us know that the people in the states haven't forgotten us all together. I was surprised to hear from you but also very happy.

I am from the Chicago area but I think I should tell you that I am not really from Mexico. I am Spanish and French and a little bit of just about everything else. I guess Danny just got the wrong idea and started thinking my family was from Mexico.

The Muians you sent really helped because we have been getting some pretty bad dust storms here. In fact, we are right in the middle of one now. If our luck holds and the tent doesn't blow away, I'll be able to finish your letter today. Our OX does not scare too

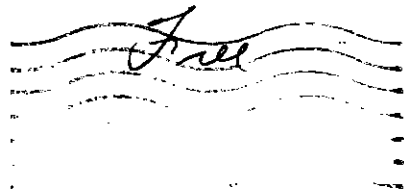


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except for the things that we really need to stay clean and alive. Maybe one day in the future it will build up and get more things in but now there is not too many things to buy. There are no books or anything to help relax you.

I guess I'll close now and say thanks again for writing. I was very glad to hear from you. I'll write more later.

Orin



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Dear Mrs Villegas,

I was really very happy to hear from you again and I would like to say how very sorry I am that I have not written sooner.

Time seems to go by so fast that I can hardly keep track of it anymore.

Danny and myself have just come back after spending some time in Bangkok and we really had a wonderful time. It was such a good change from Viet-Nam that I really didn't even want to come back. But that was only wishful thinking since I knew we had a job to do here and had to come back.

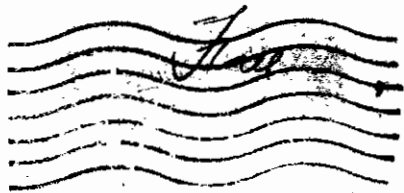
I would be very happy and honored to come to your party although I really have no idea when we are

coming back to Chicago. All we know is that it will be some time in Dec. As soon as we find out for sure when it will be, I'll write and let you know. We should be home for Christmas and I really hope we are because I want very much to see my parents again.

We could use some socks for the monsoon season and any color would do. As long as they are wool and rather big. I have a size 13 foot but Denny has about a 7. White is the best color but any kind would do. We could use them and thanks a lot for asking.

I have to start getting ready for work now so I will close and promise to write more later.

Rich



Mrs Dorothy Villegas

Carpentersville, Illinois

Mrs Vallegas,

I hope that this letter finds you feeling well and not too mad at me for not writing sooner. There was no excuse for my not writing sooner other than being lazy so I hope you will forgive me.

I received your package and those socks really do come in handy. I would like to thank you very much for sending them.

Things here have been going as well as can be expected. The base is still growing by leaps and bounds and has grown five times the size it once was when we first got here. In a couple of years, this base will be larger than a lot of air Bases in the states.

The weather is still something that makes us all swearing mad. The

dust storms have finally settled down
some and in this place the rain has
come. I really don't know which is
worse, the dust storms and the
dryness or these rainy season storms and
all the mud that they leave. Luckily,
our tents are still holding up so at
least we still have a roof over our heads.

Everything has been going nice and
quite lately and we hope it stays that
way. Even the V.C. have quit sending
in their sniper groups to harass us.
We don't know why things have been
so quiet but we hope they last.

about the only thing new that
has happened in the past couple of
weeks is one of our men losing his
dog. The man was out on post and
his dog alerted so he turned him
loose. The only trouble with that
is the dog didn't find anything

and didn't come back to his handler.
The dog has been missing for a couple
of days now and it is doubtful that
we will ever get him back.

I have a favor to ask of you and
I hope you don't find it a strange
request. If possible, I wonder if you could
find a young lady or two for me to write
too and that wouldn't mind writing in
return. The reason for this is because I
have spent so much time over seas lately,
"about two and a half years worth," that
I now know no girls in Chicago and I
would like to know a few to go out
with when I get home. I realize that
I don't write to often anyway but I'll
try and do better. If you can find
some young ladies to write and they
want to know what I look like,
you can tell them that I am 5'4" tall
and weight around 190 pounds. I also like

to chance and in general have a good time.
I would be very happy if you could find
someone to write but if not, I will under-
stand.

I hope that you are enjoying the
summer weather and that all your family
are in good health and enjoying themselves
also.

May God be with you,

Rich

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Mrs Dorothy Talley

Cape Girardeau, Mo.
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Dear Dorothy,

It may surprise you to hear from me again so soon but with things being as quiet as they have been, I have had a lot of time to devote to such things as writing letters. I would like to thank you and Marge for trying to help me out with my request.

Your letters in themselves have helped out quite a bit. Your last letter was the first I have received in over a month and it really lifted my spirits. I can really get lonely over here without any mail and for that reason I am always happy when I hear from you. I spent a year and a half over seas once before and after a person is gone from the states for a while, people more or less just

seem to forget about them. Oh, well,
I know you don't want to listen to my
complaining so I'll talk about something
else.

Time here is going by pretty fast
now and I am really looking forward to
being home again. It will be a nice
change to spend Christmas with the
family and just take things easy
for a while before I go on to my next
base. I still don't know where I
will be going but I am hoping for
I stay. As long as the Air Force
pays for my traveling, I am going
to try and see as much of the
world as I can before I finally settle
down some place. I enjoy traveling and
meeting new people and aside from this
place, the Air Force has given me a
chance to do both.

I wish Danny and myself could

give you a definite date when we will be home but as of yet we still have no idea. We should be getting over here some time in Oct, so as soon as we get some idea of the date of our return, we'll let you know.

We don't have any pictures handy right now but will send you some as soon as we can get some. It will probably be in a couple of weeks.

I hate about all for now so I'll close and write more later. Take care and may God be with you.

as always,

Dick,

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Mrs Dorothy Villegas

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Hi Dorothy,

It was good to hear from you again and I hope that you are still doing fine. Things here are still alright even though we have been having a little bit of action here lately. Not too long ago we had some "V.C." try to penetrate our base defenses but the dogs picked them up and we kept them out. None of our guys were hurt and we even got five "V.C." The "V.C." really respect the dogs and as a whole, they try to just stay clear of us, and to tell the truth, we are glad of it.

By the way, I have also been getting mail from different young ladies over in Leesportville, and I would again like to thank you and Mrs. Forbes for getting girls

to write. The extra mail comes in handy and at least now I might be able to get a date to go out when I get home.

When I get out of the Air Force I doubt if I will go into the reserves. As I said before, I like to travel so if I can get assigned to either duty or England, I may reinlist for another four years. But aside from that, I have no idea what I will do. I am still pretty young because I am only twenty one, so my life is still more or less open in front of me.

The survey you sent from W.L.S. really seems strange. It doesn't seem as if I have been away from home for that long, but all the songs are new to me and I have never heard any of them. I guess time really does fly by. I just

wish it would fly faster so December
would get here and we could leave and
get home.

My camera takes 35 millimeter
film and I have taken some good
shots of this place with it. In fact,
if you are interested, maybe I could
bring them over and show them to
you and your family some time.

My middle name is Joseph although
I never use it except to sign for my
pay. It is the name of my Patron Saint
so my family thought it would sound
good.

I hate about all for now so take
care and write more soon.

Orville



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Hi Dorothy,

Sorry that I haven't written sooner but time has been going by so fast that it is hard to keep track of it.

Today is a very nice day here and everything has been going well. The weather when it is not raining is hot as all get out but that we are finally used to.

I thanks to you, I have two girls writing me but I am afraid that one of them is just a little young. I am just a kid of 21 but one is only 18. She writes a very nice letter and I have been answering her but I doubt if I could date her when I return home. I hate to put you out but maybe we could try again if it would not be too much trouble.

so you.

We have been pretty busy here lately and have really been doing some silly things. Such as painting our tents to make them look better. I don't mind painting but on a tent it just doesn't seem to be right. We have also been building sand bag bunkers and digging trenches around our tents. So I guess you might call it a Air Force home beautification program. At least it gives us something to do other than stay in bed and sleep.

We are still trying to get the pictures you wanted but so far they've been against us. It's just been ~~so~~ going by so fast that we haven't been able to get much else done but our work. I promise that I'll try a little harder and see if we can get some off.

From what we have heard, things in Chicago have really been in a turmoil. I hope the trouble settles down by the time we get home instead of walking into more fighting.

Time is still passing fast and we are down to 130 days at the most. We should be home before that thought. We should be getting orders by the end of next month and find out a definite date on when we are leaving. That will really be good and some in handy to lift our spirits.

One of our guys turned his dog loose a couple of days ago and really made a mess of the guy he caught. So things around here may start to stir up a bit. We hope not, but it looks that way.

That's about about all for now so take care.

Quick



Mrs Dorothy Villegas

Carpentersville, Illinois
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Hi Dorothy,

I hope that you and your family are doing fine and that you are not too mad at me for not writing. At times it seems that I am so lazy that I can't get any thing done.

Things here have been going real well and the only thing that has really been giving us any trouble is the weather. It has been raining pretty steady at night now for the last couple of weeks and we are starting to feel a little like fish. I may as well get used to it because the rains will probably last from now until the time we leave in Dec.

Our base has really been growing by leaps and bounds and it is surprising to compare it with the way things were when we first started building. Barracks are finally being built and at least the men that will replace us will have things

a little easier. Our permanent kennels are also being worked on and it will be good to get the dogs out of tents and into cement shelters. We are just hoping that our kennels will be completed before the real heavy rains start.

We still haven't received any definite date as to when we will be coming home but we should be getting word sometime within the next three weeks. I am really looking forward to getting my orders so I'll know where I'll be stationed after I leave this country. If I don't return overseas again, I hope to be stationed around either New Jersey or Chicago. I will only have nine months left in the Air Force when I return so I hope I can get around a good city to finish out my service time.

For a while I didn't think this letter was going to be finished. This part is being written a week after the first but at least I now have a little more news. My assignment finally came down and I found

out that I will not be returning overseas
after all. I will be stationed right outside
Tucson, Ariz. There are a couple of guys here
that were there before and they say it is
a pretty good base. My only regret is that
I still don't know when we are leaving.
I wish they would hurry up and give us the
date but they insist upon keeping us
in the dark.

I have heard that the weather
in Chicago has been getting pretty cool
lately and I am glad to hear it because
that means I am getting closer to home.
I am also hoping for a white Christmas this
year because I haven't seen any snow for
a couple of years now. I may freeze to death
in it but I am sure that I will enjoy my-
self.

Take care and tell all your family I
said hello.

Dick