

Ashiya, Japan

2 May 1946

Hi Dad--

Received you letter of 23 April today. Really sorry to hear you are in the hospital but if you are not well am glad to hear you are there where you can get the proper care. I know how hard it is for you to be away from home but really you must take care of yourself -- you never did before and I am certainly glad you've started. You just stay there and take care of yourself and don't worry -- Jim will make out ok. on the farm -- all together we'll see that everything goes; so don't you neglect yourself.

Sure glad to hear that all is ok. with Chris -- she is having a hard time but I have faith in her and the future for us. Wish I could get back but I can't see how I can before July or possible later unless some very drastic changes are made.

Things don't look too good here -- all is quiet. Too quiet! We are being re-issued full field equipment with weapons and are up-loading all planes. Right now we are flying daily armed reconnaissance missions off the coast of Korea -- mostly watching shipping. No one knows what's coming but rumors are rife and personally I rather expect trouble -- anyone's guess is good but we are close and so are kinda just waiting -- the quiet, to everyone who knows the army, is portentous.

My job, as Communication Officer, in charge of over 50 flyable aircraft and about 30 more pickled. Keeps me busy to say nothing of flying of which I've been doing a lot lately. I'd rather fly than any thing else so I can't get too much of that.

Wish I could be there for the wedding and John's home-coming and to just be with Chris, Lynne you and all. Time works out many things.

Good nite for now, Dad. Hurry up and get out of the hospital but don't leave before you're well!

Hello to all.

Cheers your son,
Bob

(Bob Lorang, went down in the Sea of Japan two weeks later, leaving his new wife Chris and 6 month old baby Lynne. He was flying an A26 with co-pilot Sammy Soto when both fuel lines cut out on them.)