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Dear Mama -

I'm back in the mountains again - near Tacoma. I had a real nice trip out - Kansas City, - across Kansas, thru the Royal Gorge in Colorado, Salt Lake City - (didn't see the lake.) Idaho, Oregon, The Rocky Mountains are beautiful. I saw Mt. Hood and Mt. Ranier. We're in the mountains here - the air is crisp - we're wearing wool now. Most of the trees are like those we have in our front yard in town - Firs, aren't they?

Where does Joe Aldridge live - in this state some where isn't it? I don't blame him for living out here - sure is a pretty country. I've seen a lot of things I had read about - like tumble weed, cactus,



wild ducks and geese, cranes, jack-rabbits, coyotes - certainly was an interesting trip.

I am returning the letter you wanted me to save - I destroyed all of mine - I meant to send them but never did fix them up to send home. They were getting bulky anyway. I saved all my pictures - they'll have to get pretty rough to get these from me. I have some of myself I'm sending to you - they're no good, but I'll give them to you anyway.

Don't get anxious or worried - my letters may be kinda scattered, but you'll always hear from me. Everything is ok - I feel swell. Hoping everybody at home is ok.

Love,  
Bill