



AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
KEESLER FIELD, MISSISSIPPI

July 26, 43

Dear Anita:

I received your telegram Sunday afternoon. I tried to come home but was told it wasn't possible.

I just can't believe it. I wish you would write and tell me about it at your earliest convenience. You know how I felt about her more than any one.

I can't say anything more. Give the family my deepest sympathy.

Red

July 27. /43.

Dear Anita

More words cannot express my sorrow at the passing of your sister Lucy. It was quite a shock to know that a good friend had left this earth. I know how badly you must feel, and every one who knew her. Meggs wrote me and told me about it. If I would have known sooner I would have sent flowers. But as it is too late I will remember her in my prayers. Well big sister my job over here is done. Am now awaiting to go across maybe. I may be gone when you receive this. But if you wish to write, send it to ~~the~~ address I have on the front of this envelope and I will receive it. Gosh Anita I just can't believe it. Well I guess that is life. And we all have to go some day. After this

war is over. I'll come back.
and buy you the best bottle of
beer or Highball in Buffalo. So
Anita you just stop feeling
too bad. As Lucy wouldn't want
you to feel too bad. So until
some time soon. Be good and
don't forget to smile. You always
did have a lovely smile. So
chin up. and Best of Luck.

Love
Paul.

P.S. Also extend my sincere sympathy
to your family.



UNITED STATES ARMY

July 29, 1943

Dear Anita,

I just got your letter, it was the first I had heard of it, and God alone knows what a shock it was too me. I received the letter at mail call and started to read it right away, a couple of fellows started to hold me up I guess they thought I was going to collapse, and I don't know but what I might have.

As I think of that last Sunday night I saw her and talked to her, I just can't believe that its true, we had quite a talk on the porch and reached a definite understanding more or less. Why anybody like her should die I don't know, it buens me up when I think of a lot of babe's running around who will probably live to be 104 or something like that.

Give you people my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy, and tell your mother that what I told her that Sunday night about what two good girls both you and Lucille are should be now a source of consolation. God alone knows what a good girl she was, and there is no doubt about where she is

I left that picture in Buffalo to get a smaller one made off of it, when I get it I'll send you the number, in fact I'll write the guy to send you the number. If you don't mind I'll keep them both, because you know I loved you sister and what happen after this I won't guarantee.

I felt kind of funny about going overseas but now we can't start soon enough, we are leaving in about six or seven days, we talked about that, how no matter how many times I wrote, I love you, the censor could not take that out. As I think of it I don't know what I'll do when I think of her, I had such plans

This thing looks like a kid about five years old wrote it, but I can't keep a steady hand somehow, I just can't believe its true and why it should be I'll never know, she was such a grand little girl that I just can't help feeling resentful about the whole thing, I just don't get why she of all people should be gone, it takes the bottom out of everything

Tell Red I'm sorry, that I know just how he feels and maybe neither one of us was good enough for her after all. I've got to go now Anita, thanks a million for letting me know, in the kind way you did, I don't know of anything I want to know about her, but do write me again quick, I won't be here long.
as ever
Mel

4 August '43

Dear Anita:

Just a note to express my deepest sympathy ^{and} to tell you how terribly shocked I was to hear of Lucille's death. It simply doesn't seem possible.

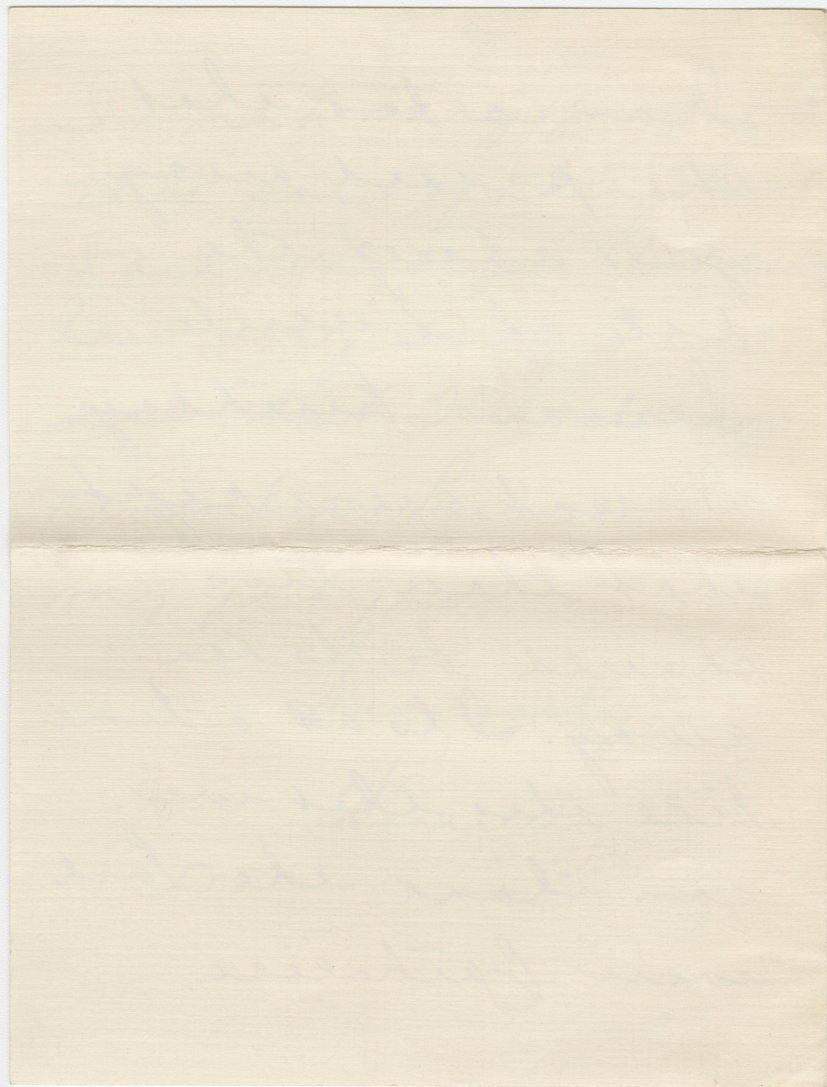
I wrote to John, who is in California and I know he'll feel as badly as I did. She was such a grand person.

III

I'm not very good at
this sort of thing but
I did want you to know
how very sorry I am
and that I'll always
remember Lucille in
my prayers.

Sincerely,
Henrietta

II
+ Irony too, that
at she passed away
aw just about the
date of Lucille
Servais' birthday.
Doesn't seem right
that those two
should be taken
away. It's at a time
like this that we
can thank the Lord
we're Catholics.



30th Service Squadron,
22nd Service Group,
APO 923 40 PM.
San Francisco, Calif.

7th August

I do not even know how to begin.
You will not know me but I deem
it a great honor to say that Lucille and
I were friends. It was for such a short
time, met her through Red Eschborn. My
mother sent me the newspaper clipping.
I find it hard to believe that God has
taken her life. It will very surely be
awhile before you receive this, I hope God
has made things easier for you to understand
why? No news from home which has
reach me now in over two years has
hurt me so much. I realize your hurt
was so many times more than mine; I'm
not at all good at putting into words my
feelings and so I say "hurt" for it has
done, just that. Could not be but, to hurt,
everyone who knew her, God is strange

in his ways. This being so very far from home + friends makes about the hardest we are asked, the rest is mere physical discomforts most times so easily healed + forgotten. I've met Anita maybe she might remember?, I always sort of kidded about not remember names, but Lucille is a name I will never even kiddingly, again forget.

My prayers are all I have to offer, but I offer them eagerly.

Sincerely,
Ray. Schweitzer.



MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Saturday A. M.

Dear Anita,

Was indeed sorry to hear the very sad news. Wish to express my deepest sympathy to you & the family. Must have been a terrible shock. It surprised me no end, as Lucille always looked so good and healthy & gay.

Heaving from you surprised me a great deal. I would have written sooner but just got back from a 32,000 mile trip to China yesterday evening. This has been my 3rd trip overseas & back. My first was to Cairo, Egypt. 2nd was to England & the 3rd to China. We first deliver three big bombers & then fly back to do the same thing over again. We have a #2 priority travel rating & ~~attained~~ ^{come} ahead of generals -

Colonels etc. The President & his staff
came #1 & we rate next. We haul a
5 man crew & my job is the flight
engineer. Have complete charge of the
plane & all its forms & records.

On this last trip our Co-pilot was
taken sick in Arabia & I was the
Co-pilot. flew the plane for 11 hrs. Have
at present over 1000 hrs in the air. Like
my job very much, we don't do a
thing while not on trips but hang
around camp - go to stores etc. In the
evening my radio operator, whose home
is in Nashville & also has a car home,
go to town & have ourselves a time with
the girls from Vanderbilt & Peabody
Colleges.

My first 5 months in the Army were
terrible but since then I have been
very fortunate & getting loads of breaks.
Lost 14 lbs on the last trip - was down
to 182 but now I am on a 5 day rest
period (we get that after each trip) & giving
them back fast. (192 now) Starting a 15 day
fast about the 25th of August - may stop
up in Buffalo for a day or so. It'll give
you a nice.

A trip over is a hard grind, especially to climb
& extremely hazardous. Many of our crews go
down & never return. Yours I am a very
wishes you with a pleasant ^{subject for} regards
to the family & best of luck to you & yours.