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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Milan, February 23, 1941

Dear Dad:

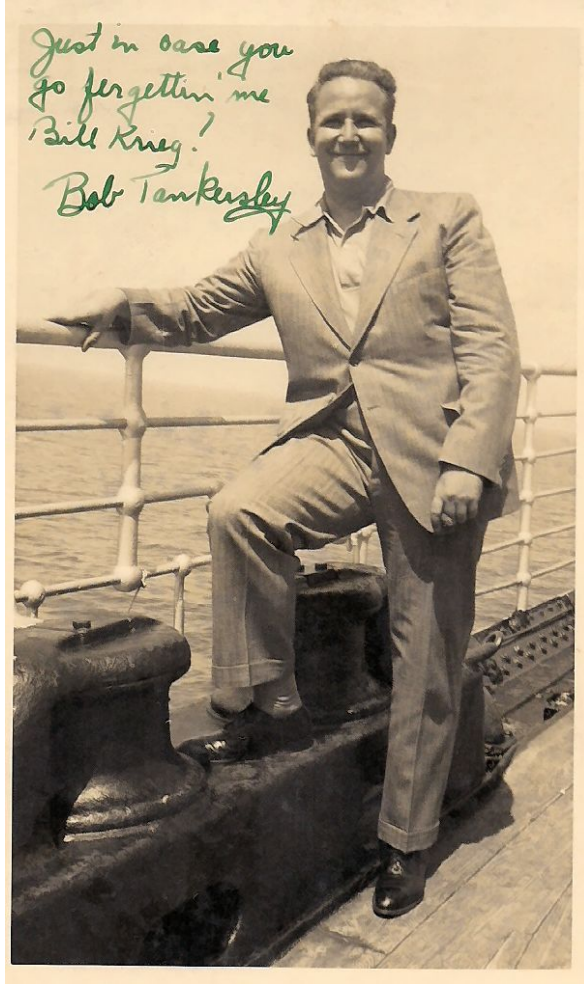
This is to give you notice that a very good friend of mine, Bob Tankersley, is going to pass through Newark soon on his way to St. Louis, where his family live. Bob is one of the nicest people I have ever known, and he has volunteered to bring a letter directly from me to you if you can come down to the railroad station to see him when he goes through. He will, of course, be traveling on the Pennsylvania.

I am going to ask Bob to try to arrange his schedule so that he can stop off between trains in Newark and have a meal with you. I can do this without the slightest apology to you, because you will enjoy tremendously talking to Bob and hearing from his own mouth just how I am. I thought that perhaps he could take the train which arrives in Newark about 7:00 AM and go on with the American a couple of hours later. Then he could have time to have breakfast at home with you and Sarah, which I know he would enjoy. However, if this can't be arranged, I hope that you will at least be able to go to the station and talk to him for the five minutes during which the train is in the station. Anything you can do for Bob will be a favor to me. Bob is bringing a letter from me which he will hand to you in person if you can arrange to see him.

Bob's wife is awfully nice too, but I'm afraid she won't be making the trip to Missouri, in the interests of economy; her people live in the East. Bob has been studying voice here for several years, and he is now coming home to see whether he can make his long years of labor pay. I don't know anything more risky than studying to be an opera singer, unless possibly it is studying for the Foreign Service exams. Even so, in the latter case, it is possible that your training and contacts might be of some use even though you failed the exams; but singing is a hard profession; you have to have luck and breaks as well as a good voice to succeed.

And so, make every effort to see Bob. It will certainly be worth while for you.

With love,
William



*Bob Tankersley
Photo M10*

Dated 1941-02-20 (three days before this letter was written)



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