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S/Sgt Joseph E Shields.

DEAR Sgt, your very welcome and interesting letter came on this very appropriate day, "Army Day".

Mrs. Allison and myself have read the letter over and over again and have we want you to know that we are unable to find words to express our appreciation and gratitude for the courtesy and interest in writing us.

You have very modestly sung praises of Royal as a pilot but we know full well that on all those combat missions he had a fine, highly trained loyal crew aboard to back him up in any emergency which might arise, so we know the success and safety of any pilot is due to largely to the team work of the crew.

I would like to be able to meet each member of the crew and personally thank them for the fine job they have done and are doing to end this war and bring all of our boys home. On numerous occasions Royal has told us that his crew aboard the Buckaroo were the pick of the field and I know that he is very proud of every one of you.

Yes I will write him and tell him that you have written us and I know that he will be pleased to hear that you arrived safely home.

The last letter from the Capt. tells us that he is now on Corsica and also said his duties are now mostly administrative and advisory, however he said he does go on combat missions occasionally.

Royal's brother Grant was home on a 3 weeks leave from the North Pacific and has gone to his new assignment at Camp Hale, Colo.

Grant put in two years and 4 months in the Aleutians and said he was glad to see the home folks once more.

If it is not a military secret it would be interesting to me to know what position you held on the Bomber

Now in conclusion if at any time you get out to Portland just give us a ring. The name Smith Allison is in the

Phone book. Come right out to the house and stay with us, for any member of the old ship Buckaroo is now formally adapted by the Allison family.

I wish you a very pleasant and restful stay in your homeland and I will be pleased to hear from you anytime from any place. Again I thank you for your kind letter. (In case you did not know Royal's new A.P.O. is 520.

Sincerely
S.W.Allison.