Dear Friend,  

Please excuse me for not acknowledging your letter sooner, and the reason is that they do keep me very busy.

Since hearing from you, I have written to Dick, and am hoping he received the letter by now.

It was mighty nice of you to give me all that globe except the expression, tho I know...
you understand it, about the boys, and it sure did interest me. Wasn't it odd that Dick, Shorty, and Heck should be on the same boat? And I'll bet they were tickled to pieces to meet each other. I'll bet they did skin some years. We too are hoping to get over there, but chances look dubious. I am doing the civil engineering for 2 miles of underground steam, 2 miles of gas main, and 3 miles of underground electric conduct, and if they make me finish we will be here 9 months longer, hope not. Things sure have been coming my way since I got in late in March, and prospects are still good.

Only part of your letter disappointed me, that was, 'you felt that you knew me well enough to write.' Well, I and my lady friend from home, you, your sister, and Dick enjoyed one of the school dances in each other's company (remember sitting on the drafting table eating cream) and
I am not sure whether it was
you or your sister who favored
me with some music on an
occasion, about a year ago,
when Dick invited me up to
dinner. It seems strange
that anyone could forget such
a red head as I have.
There were only 2 in the glass
Brooke and I, and they
were both real funny.
I would like to meet your friends
Lust Cleary, and would like
to ask him to take me up,
but my nerve is bad when
it comes to meeting officers.
I hear he is a regular fellow.
Thank you very much for your
visit.
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