

Tasted the sugar

April 29. #7.

Dear folks at home:

It was wonderful to get letters from home. Sat. we got one from Walter & Gudrun's 2nd letter & one from Eis. Today Tue. we got an Easter card from home & Gudrun's first letter telling us about the skiing & snow ball fight and Geven visiting at Peter's.

Apr 30. This is as far as I got last night. The girl that was here when we came a month ago was here for supper her name is Motfried and she is pretty nice too, quite jolly so there was no chance to write unless I had gone to my room. The girl they have now is so quiet it is hard to talk to her but she is only 14. I am writing in our room and it is out 7 o'clock a.m. yet. We are planning to go to Skudenes today. yesterday I washed a few things and pressed & ironed our clothes so it is only to pack our bags. Pa is still sleeping. On Monday we were in town and went thru the Free creamery, the largest in Norway, it is almost a block size and quite high. We were up to the top it was very interesting to see the different kinds of machinery, also in the basement the modern motors. Mr. Gjesdal was with us and afterwards we had dinner with them at her sisters home.

Mrs. Sjerdal had a little cold & sore throat.
Last Sat. evening we were at Petra & Marie's
they also had the Sjerdals, Walstead's
Hans Rea and Mrs. (Pa's chum) and Jacob
Jacobson Alfred & Sofie. They know how to
feed and entertain and as I've said before
they are so infarsmal and yet refined.

I am looking forward to our trip to-day
the sun is shining and it looks very
nice out. Had another letter from Eleanor
Rosnes, that she would be coming to Skudenes
about May 4th and had asked Evelyn Anderson
to go along. It is starting to get green here
now, and Alfred planted a few potatoes
yesterday for early crop, but it is so wet &
muddy in the field it is int fit yet.
They say it is a month later than usual.

Sjere Skudenes May 2 -
We arrived here April 30 and did we
ever get a welcome! My sisters & 2 brothers
were there to meet us. also the 4 from
Tjostheim namely Fru Claus Dale & her
sister & 2 brothers. We came to Karen &
her husband Erik Sigvartson's home where
the table was pulled out and the whole
family were seated around, Pa and I
as honour guests. Aunt Alette ^{Pederson} ~~Johnson~~
also came, tell uncle Ludvig that she
remembered ^{my} Mother & Dad when they
were married and thought so much
of mother. It is wonderful to be here we
feel so much at home. I have the

direction right² here too. The weather
is nice now and the sun has been
shining since we came here.
Yesterday we were out climbing in
the mountains and took several
pictures of Syhre gtaanea, The house
where mother & Dad lived and then we
had dinner with Herman, a brother
of Tobias he lives where Dad's ~~was~~ folks
lived and has the Syhre farm.
It was a day we won't forget so soon.
Today we were at Cousin Marie
and Haakon Haakonson ^{in town} for dinner
& supper. We walked in to the Kare
and took a car home. We have been
around town, you should see the
rocks & mountains, but lovely homes
and they seem to like to build on the
rocks and beside the mountain
side. Here at Kare's there is a moun-
tain back ground and the chickens
climb all over. To-morrow we
plan to go to Grandpa Ferkingstad
and visit around there and come
back here later to visit in the homes
of the rest of the cousins. Yes Jonas we
saw the shop where you worked and
Haakon remembered you well.
We have taken several pictures

I am so glad you got a new heater
and hope you like it. Pa was happy
about the new Machinery you boys
had got. We hope the weather is
nice now so you can be at work.

We should greet you from Tobias
and all the cousins, They are all
just as nice as Tobias. I only wish
Aunt Lena could be here with us
she must also take a trip and no
fooling. to-morrow Pa and Tobias
are going out to fish, Karen & I are
going to see an old relative of
~~Pa's~~ Lisa i dikaa, Fredrikson.

Tell uncle Ludwig we walked passed
the ~~stadet~~ Skaadel and the flowers
were just beautiful.

Best regards to all the neighbors
and friends. Will write again
next week from Ferkingstad.

Happy birthday Helen!

Alfred will forward our mail
so just continue to send our mail
there.

Love to you all at home and
Thanks for letting me come
along with Pa. Mother & Dad.