

Mon. Eve.

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Dear Family:

Well, here I am again over in the telephone lounge. I have already & played our call but told her not to put it thru till 1:00 as we'd get the dinner notes. It doesn't seem very long ago that I called you & yet I'm always anxious to talk to you. They keep us so busy that the time goes in nothing! That!

I did quite well on the run today. One card from you. Purdie, Mary Well, Lois Sanders, & Manner Remington. Manner is some relation to Montgomery's, about 30 years old, crippled, was Janey's brother to the Finkler who that Bob, Tex. & I met at Devils Lake. & is one mighty small person. She has always taken an interest in the 3 of us & says she wrote me once in St. Pete & once in Sioux Falls but I never got around to answering. She has from Bob quite often & from Tex once in a while. I'm gonna answer this one soon for sure. I answered Jim & Lois' letters

last note + got another from him today.
I said her other one a month ago +
I haven't had time to write her. All the to do
letter on this one!



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Everyone seems to know about
Ruth + I being engaged + are very happy
+ talk about it. The too!!

I'm ordering a clipping from the
Denny Paper. This may be really good!
I haven't been out on the range yet but
will be one of these days. Some of the guys
have been out + say his really a swell guy.
I also see in the paper that the
high boys have Ben Lee among the nation's
top ranked ball players + that they may get
a crack at the National Play offs. I sure
hope so!

Say they're really cleaning the ch
home town out, eh? I still don't think it's
necessary to take off of the players men that
they are. I sure hope they don't figure to go
overseas. The army is gonna be good for 'em
all but it's a damn shame they can't
have home. They soon will + Johnny C.
be called? I think his answer is to go.



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We weren't scheduled to fly today but we did have 5 hours of school + 2 hours of P.T. I'm in much better shape than I thought I was. I haven't had any P.T. since November. I don't mind it too much as I like to be in good condition.

Will be on the Fld. Line for Christmas at 6 a.m. tomorrow. Still now, + they off till 11 a.m. Wed. Also signed to go paid tomorrow. Happy Day when the Luck s! Ma Ma ever been that. Dad.

Say, Mom, are you wearing your glasses? You see to it that she does, Dad + Dale, so she won't have those head aches! Think me now!! I mean it.

Yes, Dad. I remember saying that I thought Japan would be finished before Germany + I still think I'm right. The Captain Intelligence Officer who briefs us, mentioned yesterday that Germany still has 2 Divisions left - over 2,000,000 men. That's a lot of damned good soldiers! Their fighter aircraft production has shown a decided drop due to our incessant bomb-



ing as but there still a long way from de-
fect. I think that the quick change
to which Germany will be have a rebellion
on the part of the people there & that is
very probable & possible. In the Pacific,
things seem to be going fast but I
still think there are really some P.O.P. in
the Spring or early Summer, as I said
when I was in S.F. Tio, but off too
big a jump to detail when he took on
all those islands. They will only pro-
duce a bigger defect.

I stand a better chance of getting
things in one piece if I go to the Pac-
ific theatre but I'd much rather go
to England. However, I'm sure we're
going well!

Till I have time again "Don't worry"
— I'm living & enjoying life & enjoying it
more than any time since I've been in the
Army — except for when I was home!

Love to
Shirley