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— SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK. —

Dear Family —

Fri. Morn.

9:15

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See, it was mad to talk to you all last night. I'm sure glad Dad was there to talk to "Tex". He was sure surprised & pleased. I could hear Dad & Mom when they were clear away from the phone, Dugl. I wish how a war will make women carry on isn't it? Talk.

✓ So you're coming out in a mo. Well be sure & let us know well ahead of time so we can be sure & find a place for you to stay. Or had you planned to stay at Mrs. Kuyper's again? I'll sure be glad to see you again.

After tea & I left the Palace
of Sweets - where I would have
we went down to Cliffords - a place
like the Hotel except for no dance
floor & everything a lot more
in general I & had a meal &
played the pin ball machine. Then
we went down to the Virginia Cafe
& ate. When we came out of there
it was raining cats & dogs. We wanted
a whip & they made a dash for
a corner & pick up the bus. Boy
were we wet. Truly poured with
us! Damned!!

I'm writing this out in the day
room. I got up around 8:30. Took
a shower, dressed up, got my pen
ready & avoided the rush. I
was now - writing to sweetest
family in the world!

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I got two swell letters yesterday. I guess I also forgot to mention the football. I wish it I had thanked you. It was swell. The cookies were perfect, more. The 3 I had were well & all the boys thank you too.

I like the station very much. I had some just like it before I came into the army. Remember?

Yes, Bob Long whom you has a nice set up in Brooklyn that he can get home so often. Oh well, I'll be home in a week or another year but I'm sure it'll be nearly that long.

I will try to remember to get
 the address of the H.S.O. today.
 Dad, so you can mail those
~~the~~ magazines. int. I'm again
 it would be best to send in express
 would it it? Chapter. Say if you
 have a world map at home that
 you're not using, do you suppose
 you'd send it to me? I could
 pin it up on the wall & follow
 the war more closely.

They sure are pouring it on us
 both that us & were, and they?
 I only wish I were there to help!
 The fact that it is such a huge
 thing may give me my share. I
 certainly hope so. I hope
 the woman Max saw in Detroit
 was right about the funeral, but
 she must not know the way

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or she wouldn't make such
statements like that! I hope
she's wrong about my going
overboard.

Yes, I mentioned money in
a letter a couple days ago & right
now I think that by the time
you get this & send another it'll
be another day off & I could easily
use some. I hate like the
devil to ask for what it does
help immensely to get out & race
is a while! Don't worry about
me getting out of the Viscids!

I know I can't win at cards
or this so, I just laugh at the
boys when they want me to play.
I got a kick out of sitting on

The edge of my bed with the
 play & hold my money in
 my hand & but don't about
 don't getting my money! but
 as far & drinking is concerned, I
 just can't afford it & don't want
 it any how. Some appetites &
 weakness. Thanks for the laugh -
 I'll sure appreciate it.

John & I are going swimming
 today if he gets a pass. I'm
 going to get my camera & a
 film & take some pictures. John
 has a get a haircut & I suppose
 we'll go to a show too.

How was Cedar Point, Dale?
 I'd like to be there. It seems
 like some good fun. Even now,
 I'd like to get over it tomorrow

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Terrace is Lorraine. Boy. I
like that place. How is the
girl is Lorraine coming?
There sure are a lot of
cute little girls out here.
I told you of course that when you
came out I might let her
have a date with you. I showed
her your pictures & she thought
you were plenty cute. That's
the second one I talked to about
you. Before long you'll be a
hell of a popular guy out here. Be
good kids & remember all
the things I'm depending on you
to do for me. Thanks a lot!

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Well, I guess until I mor-
row I'll about run down.
Till then -

Love It all
(John)