

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

DEAR BROTHER JACK:

MAY I SAY AM VERY SORRY DID NOT GET TO SEE YOU AND TALK WITH YOU WHILE HOME ON MY SHORT FURLOUGH. HAD PLANNED TO RETURN HOPING TO FIND YOU AT HOME BUT AS LYNNORA AND MARY LYNN HAD BOTH BEEN SICK, COULD NOT GET AROUND AS MUCH AS WE WANTED TO THIS TIME. LYNNORA HAD BEEN IN BED WITH FLU WEEK BEFORE I ARRIVED ON THE 4TH OF JANUARY. HAD TO LEAVE THEM BOTH WITH COLDS AND BAD COUGHS BUT COULD NOT STAY ANY LONGER. SURE WAS GOOD TO BE HOME WITH MY FAMILY AND HOPE BEFORE VERY LONG ALL OF THE BOYS CAN RETURN HOME FOR GOOD.

AM NOW AT WORK IN RADIO ROOM WHERE I TRANSMIT MESSAGES THAT COME IN BY RADIO TO MESSAGE CENTER OVER THE TELETYPE MACHINE. HAD MUCH PREFER NOT TO WORK ON SUNDAY BUT YOU KNOW THE ARMY SO THE JOB MUST BE DONE. AM LIKING MY WORK VERY MUCH AND AM FINALLY DOING THE WORK WAS SENT TO SCHOOL BY THE ARMY TO DO. WE WORK 6 DAYS EACH WEEK WITH ONE DAY OFF AND I TRY TO GET EACH SUNDAY SO I CAN GO TO CHURCH AND REST FOR THE COMING WEEK. WE HAVE GOOD FOOD AND DO JUST ABOUT AS WE PLEASE HERE JUST AS LONG AS WE DO OUR WORK. WE DO THINGS HERE THEY WOULD HAVE SHOT US FOR AT JB MISSOURI AND HAVE GOTTEN MY FIRST BREAK SINCE HAVE BEEN IN THE SERVICE.

MAY I THANK YOU ALSO FOR YOUR NICE LETTER WHICH I RECEIVED ABOUT XMAS TIME. WAS GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU AND YOUR GREETINGS. HAD INTENDED TO THANK YOU WHEN AT HOME FOR THE LETTER BUT SINCE DID NOT SEE YOU WILL THANK YOU NOW.

UNDERSTAND ALICE ROYSTER IS TO LEAVE FOR A GOOD CAUSE AS I HAD A FEW MINUTES WITH HER WHILE OUT AT THE SCHOOL. SHE IS A FINE GIRL AND LIKED BY EVERYONE. WANTED TO GIVE HER MY NEW ADDRESS SO COULD RECEIVE THE CHURCH BULLETIN WHICH I ENJOY VERY MUCH. THE LAST ONE WAS SENT TO ME FROM JB.

MUST CLOSE FOR NOW AND RETURN TO MY WORK. MY BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR THE NEAR YEAR AND I PRAY THAT THE WAR WILL BE OVER LONG BEFORE THE YEAR ENDS.

SINCERELY,

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