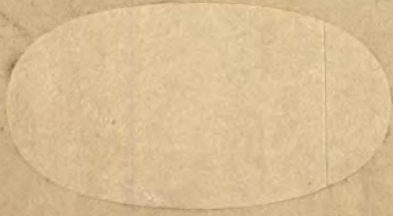


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Dear Mother,

Just as soon as I get you I am spending a quiet
day and hope 4th of July. I have shot my one
pumpkin which I have saved for the occasion, in
fact I am not even losing heavy fireworks. I've
had my holiday drive, taking a short trip this a. m.
to do a bit of civilian investigation of a suspicious character
who was unaccounted for, except for his own ability. It rained
and snowed for the 4th, and I'm now situated underneath the
clouds. I'm writing a few letters, but saving for the present
and will send everything - as my conscience isn't bothering
me any - but as still taking care of you.

Bill - He's waiting to find out my financial standing
and what's stated - as I'm up as little. Bill?
For the meantime, just keep your 8 cents in that
it has been more than justified. All my love,
John

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