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Handwritten initials



UNITED STATES ARMY

N. E. 1
Jan. 2 - 45

Hello Mother;

How are you all? I am pretty good.

You seem to have had a bit of cold weather. We have quite the opposite here. It was rather cloudy today but no rain.

You asked if the turkey was canned. No, we have had fresh turkey for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. That is the only meals we have had that were even remotely good.

I got your presents. I got the first one Dec 31st and the other (Toilet Kit) the following day.

I got letters from Wayne Carl and you. I got a 'Xmas card from V. Bryan's Family.



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I hope you had a nice
time during the holidays.
I guess ^{Dean} really got her
sleep.

It's gettin' dark so I am
sorta' in rush.

You mentioned something
about the lighter and asked
about Cigaretts. I have plenty
cigs. Maybe you ment the
Cig' Case too. If you are
having trouble getting it,
forget about it. I didn't
mean to cause so much
trouble. ho.

Tell everyone hello and
I hope Santo treated Bob'
as he wanted him to. I
guess that would have
been almost impossible ho.

Well by now.

Bill

[9 Jan 1945]



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N. E. I.

JAN. '45

Dear Mother:

How are you all? I am alright. I have just returned from the movie, which wasn't so very good, so I didn't stay for the finish.

We had missed mail call for two days, so today I got four letters. I have gotten behind with my writing again (as usual)

I hope "Gerald" got enough sleep, or would Bobby let her. ha. Helen said he and her were having a time.

Sellers seems to have done quite well for himself this year. I guess he will squander his money. Most of them do.

How's the cattle situation now? Did Dad ever buy any more?



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They seem to be taking all my cousins together. I had hoped Norman and Lyman could get off. I didn't want Wayland + Wayne to go for that matter. It seems funny the way Drew "Hoppis" and "Curly" look held out. I guess life is like that.

I guess Charley Vicars is none too happy over his future. huh? He should have known better.

I am trying to write by candle light and it seems to be getting windy. It's starting to rain so I guess we'll have a nice night.

I'll close for now. Tell everyone Hello and all that stuff.

By Bill



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N.E.I.

Jan. 12 - '45

Hello Mother;

I'm sorry for not writing sooner, I guess I get lazy or something.

Well they seem to be getting about all the boys around there. I wonder if Hoppis will ever have to go?

The food has improved the last day or so. We had ham and steak today and yesterday.

Dean must be lazy. She hasn't been writing very often.

I owe Wayland a letter but if he goes into the army. It might be some time getting to him so I guess I'll wait.

I got a letter from Maurer Johnson, written



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Christmas day. She was telling me about the basketball games.

It has been rather rainy here this afternoon. We are supposed to have a movie tonight. It may be rained out.

How's all the folks? I hope you are well. I am doing alright. Tell "Bob" hello. I guess he enjoyed his vacation.

Lyman said their tob: sold pretty good. I guess he will pass for Uncle Sammy to. Pretty soon there will be no one left

By for now. I guess I had better write to Lyman

So Long

Bill



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N.E.I.

Jan. - 16 - 45

Hello Mother;

I got about 5 or 6 letters yesterday. We didn't have mail call today. The mail doesn't come in so often here, it seems

The food has improved a little. It could be better yet though. I guess I shouldn't expect too much.

We had quite a little rain last night. Most of the tents were filled with about 8 to 10 inches of water. I guess my "bunk" is situated in a good place as the water wasn't completely over the ground in my area, and my stuff didn't get wet. Some of the fellows' stuff (shoes etc.) was floating around in the Co. street. Lo



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How's all the folks? I am alright. Helen doesn't seem to know what she wants to do, or so it appears in her letters.

I guess Wayne will like the Merchant Marine better than the army. He will eat better at least, and should get home sooner.

Everything here is about as usual. The movies are somewhat better. The P.X. still doesn't have anything to sell as usual.

We are getting enough tobacco. I think some of the fellows are short on soap, but I have plenty, thanks to you.

Tell Dad, and the folks hello. Best of luck.

By Bill



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N.E.I.
JAN. 21/42
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Hello Mother.

I have been getting along
OK. The food is somewhat
better. There is still room
for improvements, ha.

I hope everyone at home
is well. Hows the boys,
Wayland, Wayne + Norman?

I got a letter from J.C.
Watts today. He is in
a hospital in England
now.

There hasn't been much
mail the last day or so.
I don't know of much
to write.

We are getting enough
cigaretts at present, so don't
worry about that. I'll try
to write more next time.
Tell everyone hello.

Short letter, huh. Bye for now
Bill



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N.E.I.

Jan. 25-45

Hello "Muz";

I got your letter today or rather two. I also got letters from Dean Helen and Marilyn.

About that pen I brought from home. I lost it or someone "sniped" it, anyway I don't have it. I sat on the other and broke it. A fellow gave me the one I now have. It writes pretty good.

We are getting plenty of cigarets. So don't worry about sending any.

I haven't received any but the Xmas packages. I got the toilet kit with the packages that arrived Xmas. The packages take nearly 2 months to get here.



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Has Bob Brown been sending more letters to The D.B. concerning Lyman. I think Helen or Marilyn mentioned something to that effect.

You can't exactly blame Marilyn's attitude toward Clark. I can't say as I am terribly elated over having her for a relation but I wouldn't disclaim her either, so much for that.

How's the folks? I hope all of you are well. Does "Bob" still like school? How did G.C.'s tob; sell. He really raised a bumper crop. Ha.

It's been pretty rainy here, and cloudy practically all the time. We haven't had any more miniature floods though.

The boys seem to have gotten quiet a bit



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of time after their first examination and final induction. Don't think I'm trying to rush things. I had hoped they could stay out.

The war in Europe seems to be going good at present, especially the Russian front. Aunt Anne said Rankins' Division had been trapped. She is, or was terribly worried about him.

I got Yours and Dods' picture. You looked good. Dean sent me one of herself. She looked good also. I had a snapshot taken of "Little Willie" but nothing came out. I'll try again, ha.

This was quite a lengthy letter for me. By-
Bill

N.C. Indiss
Jan. 27-45

Hello Mather:

I am feeling pretty good. I am still working outside. I like the work fine.

I hope everyone at home is fine. How's Dad doing with his cattle? Can he get any Cigars?

I thank you for the pictures they were good. The one of Helen was a little blurred.

So the HF's are getting scared. ha. Some preacher you have. huh? Lon D. will probably die of fright I guess the Army will do Drew good. They leave all the boys there and take everyone else. I can't

figure it out. I think Drew
should have gone instead of
Wayne.

I haven't received the
packages yet, but don't
worry about them.

Yeah things over here
look good, but it will
have to end in Europe
before we can really get
started here.

Helen said Wayland and
his girl had a dispute.
I hope Wayne gets into
what he wants.

I got a letter from J.C.
Watts today and he mentioned
a Cecil Weems. I don't
think I know him. Do
you?

Well I guess that's all
Bye Bill
How's Dessie Moore?

AFTER 5 DAYS, RETURN TO

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UNITED STATES ARMY

N. C. I.

Jan. 30-45

Hello Mother;

How is every thing going? I am pretty good. A slight stomach ache at present. It must have been something I ate.

Hows Bob and his dog getting on? That cow must have got rough. Do you still have "Zeke"?

I got some delayed Xmas Cards yesterday. The packages havent arrived yet. We dont have so much shipping here. I guess they will get here sooner or later.

I guess Dad has plenty to do if he is taking care of the lambs. I would expect "Profus" to be more hindrance than help.



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I guess Vlass get's plenty worried. "Hass" used to be "sorta" worried himself.

Layman Malone must be pretty shrewd to have stayed away so long.

I guess Wayne wasn't too happy over the deal they gave him. Wayland seems to have had better luck so far at least.

I guess Gerald will be home soon. Is she going to Fla. with Betty?

I got 4 letters today. Two from you and two from Mays..

Well so long for now.

There is no news from here.

I'm still working outside.

By - Bill