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Dear folks,

Sunday morning and have a little time on my hands, so will dash you off a few notes here and there. I'm enclosing you a clipping from an English newspaper which may tell you in part of what has been going on with us. And the reason we couldn't reveal our whereabouts and so forth. I don't know if you have read of General Rose or not...but quite a few of the boys have received some clippings from home concerning him.

We really had some fun last night. I was enjoying a little poker game last night when all hell broke loose all around us. One of the boys was taking aand got hit...slightly...but it means that a man can't even take a ---- in safety anymore. Had to laugh despite the planes throwing everything at us and the artillery likewise. Amazing how much stuff can come in, and yet no more damage done by it. The Good Lord sure does take care of his fools and drunks, and babies.

Have finally caught up on all my correspondence for a change.. mainly because of the fact that I'm not doing too much writing to anyone any more and it is easy to keep caught up when we aren't doing too much.

I'm expecting to go to Verviers on a pass pretty soon and if I can will try and send you some stuff from down there. Don't know what it will cost, but probably lots, as stuff doubles every time we go through a place. When we first came through, it was pretty nice, but now then, everything has gone sky high.

Haven't heard from you since the 19th now...and it seems ages ago. Got a letter last night from Lou, and she hasn't been getting much of my mail either lately..apparently rather busy.

I'm enclosing you a copy of the Stars and Stripes..in it you will read what we have to put up with in the way of fraternizing with these bastards (pardon my expressions..and just after I've returned from church too...sermon was particularly good!)..but then, it is just that way, and there's nothing we can do about it. They started all this mess either actually or subversively and now... well....gotta finish it, I guess.

Another one of my boys got his Bronze Star today..makes six of them now..still have one more in for the Bronze star and one for Croix de Guerre...so...They're a swell bunch.

Must be closing..no news. I definitely am going to Verviers on pass, God willing, and the Army not changing its mind anymore. Got out my boots today and have begun polishing them up. Don't know just what I'll do there..hope that I'll meet some nice little girl that I can neck the hell out of and no more, and who speaks enough English that I can be a little bit at ease. I still can't see these guys getting plastered with a pass just because there is a little free time on their hands.

'Bye for now, and good luck and love to all of you.

Johnny.

