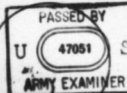


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FROM



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Cpl. Donald Tappan - 3587340
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To P.M. New York, N.Y.

(SOLDIER'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Dec. 17, 1944

Dear Mother and all,

I sure hope everything is OK back there. I know that by the time this gets there you'll be very anxious to hear from me but this is the best I could do. We got mail today for the first time since we left D. C. and we sure had a celebration reading it. I got seven letters from you and three others. They were dated from Nov. 17 to Dec. 4 and it sure was worth several months pay to get them. We may get more mail this evening or tomorrow and I'll try to get at least one more letter written while I have the opportunity. Your sweater and knit helmet that you sent will be very useful now if they get here. I hope (and we may) that we'll get mail every few days now. You'll just have to spread the news around that you heard from me because I sure doubt if I'll get to write anyone else. I guess about all you can tell them is that I'm very busy and am OK.

It'll be after Christmas when you receive this but it'll be my only opportunity or at least my nearest one to wish you the best of holiday wishes. And even more than that I want to wish God's blessings upon you. In a situation like this I am wholly dependent upon Him so I ask no interest in your prayers. Your loving son, Donald

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