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Friday Evening
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Dear Family,

I sure would like to write you a chatty letter once again. I am happy every times I get to write a V-mail but when something better can be done I'd like to do it. I hope you can feel that the little letters I do get written once in a while are at least a partial substitute. As you probably have guessed by this time even when we do get back for a little rest there is very little spare time. In the first place there wouldn't be a rest period even now if we weren't in desperate need of rest so every minute could be put to very profitable use just in resting. Then of course there are always a million other things to do like cleaning up etc. so there just can't be too much time spent in letter writing. And while I'm on the



subject of being busy, now that I'm pretty deep into the communications work, a good bit of my rest time is taken getting the equipment back into workable condition. If I should fall asleep in the middle of this & then not get it finished for two weeks I think you'll see the reason. I suppose we must average about a couple of days a week in at least partial rest but there is so little time during the rest of the days that this is really a necessity.

I want to tell you a little about what I have been doing. Under conditions like this the people doing different jobs change so fast that you are lucky to be doing one thing very long. If you are lucky enough to be in after a month of this it is very unlikely you are doing the same thing you started out doing. I thought I would be a rifle soldier but the



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first couple of engagements found me carrying one of the little radios I was trained in using. Then pretty soon it became necessary for me to begin operating a good bit bigger type of radio which I had to learn to use from first hand experience. It's really a big job to fight carrying that 60 lbs of radio on your back but it's got to be done by someone. New things have changed so that I've got to do a good bit toward looking after the wire and other communications needed in the company. I'm getting experience and plenty of it even though it has to be the hard way.

You can see by my address that we jump around a lot but we always go at night and never get to see much of the country except where we stop. I've seen lots of places now - U.S., Scotland, England, France, Germany,

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Luxemburg and Belgium. Belgium has some of the most beautiful scenery anyone could ever want to see but we are in no position to get much kick out of that.

We get mail every few days now so you can rest easy on that. It generally comes up to us with our food. I sure am thankful that my stationery & box of goodies got here when I have a little time to enjoy and use them.

I believe that there are only a couple more subjects now that I want to tell you about. One is that whenever it is possible we get the best of food. We even get more candy and gum than we did before we hit combat.

The other important thing to us is our trust in the Lord. When we are in a tight spot there is no one that I've heard talking that doesn't pray. and they aren't



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I sort of got wobbly
on this page.

5 ashamed to admit it either. The
main trouble, of course, a lot of the
religion doesn't go any further than
the immediate need for help. They
don't comprehend any other side of
it. Those of us who really are inter-
ested (no reflections on the rest)
are really glad when we get back
where the chaplain can hold services.
I was hoping there would be one today
but when I saw him this evening
he promised one tomorrow (if we're
still here, of course). Scripture verses
also give me a lot of encouragement.
Give me any special ones you hap-
pen to run across.

I've got to turn in but I sure
am glad that I have been able to
write this one real letter. Bear
with V mails till I can do it
again. God bless you and take
care of yourselves. love. Your son & brother
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