Belgium
January 29, 1945

Hello Family;

I sure want to get you a letter written today. I know there is no use apologizing about my lack of writing because I have told you that I'll do my best. There have been a few times that I might have dashed off a letter but I try to get every minute of relaxation I can. You can tell that I am just as lazy as ever.

I might even have written you a V-mail now had I not had a money order to send, as far as news goes, I won't have enough to make this much of an air-mail letter. You will have to just use your own judgment on the money. I can't spend it on any part of it here. If there is anything (watch, etc.) that I can't get on you can finish it up with this. If not, I guess bonds are about the best place for it. But as I said, use your own judgment.

I got mail from you several days ago so before long I expect to be hearing again. I got letters up to January 8. I also want to tell Grandma Carver that I got letters from her dated Jan. 2 and Nov. 8 at almost the same time. I know you'll let her know. I also got a few November letters from you. I guess they got mixed up in England or somewhere.

I thought about Daddy's birthday the other day but it wouldn't have gotten there in time for the 25th anyway. That reminds me that I don't think I ever did even mention

Mary's birthday. I hope you'll forgive me for things things like this.

About the only news I can and want to tell you about is that I had a little pass to the city of Luxemborg the other day. This was the first free time any of us have had since we hit France. The city hadn't been hit too hard but of course there were only civilian necessities to sell. We couldn't even buy anything to eat. We had to mooch enough to keep us going from some soldiers stationed there. They were real good to us though. I guess about the most good we got from the trip was seeing the civilians. They were well dressed (as a whole) and almost reminded us of home. Just about time to leave we found an air corps recreation room where we could buy sandwiches and coffee and just to be able to spend a little money for something did for us just what we needed.

If you look forward to mail as much as I do I hate to disappoint you so often. I got mail only 4 or 5 days ago and I am already wondering how things are going. It sure won't be long before it will be basketball tourney time again.

Let's keep trusting and praying. There is no use to worry. If you want to know how I feel about worrying, I think sometimes that I don't worry enough. I guess I think too much about the future.

Lots of love
Donald

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