September 2, '45
Ft. Benning
VJ Day

Dear Family,

I just got back from church service and perhaps I'll be able to get a letter written to you before dinner time. I haven't heard from you yet but I did get a letter from Richard on Friday. I'm hoping that the mail today or tomorrow will bring me news from Orestes. Since this is the Sunday before Labor Day, I am wondering about the reunion this year. I expect the crowd will be pretty thin although there might be more than you'd expect. I just wonder if Richard got to come home over Labor Day.

Well I've been down here for over a week now and I know very little more about how long I'll be here than I did this time last week. Every day you hear something else but it can't be depended upon any more than the story (stories) you heard the day before. Even though there are no visible signs of it, I suppose that every day brings us just one day

closer to leaving here. I've even gone so far as to hear that most of us will be sent to camps near home to await our discharges. But thats far too much to expect and I'll be satisfied with a good bit less than that.

I guess that added to our almost complete vacation that we've had since we've been here, tomorrow will be a holiday. Of course I had to get C.Q. (Charge of quarters) tonight and tomorrow but I don't feel too hurt about it. If it weren't for missing the day off, getting it tomorrow would be quite a break. To explain the job, it's just a duty that non-coms pull instead of K.P. It consists of taking charge of the office after the officers leave, making out passes, getting the guys up in the morning, doing any odd jobs that need to be done, and just being general run-about for the office during the day. There won't be anything going on tomorrow so I exped

I'll have the orderly room (CQ for company office) to myself most of the day. I'll be able to get some reading or writing or something done. I've been sort of hesitant to write everybody because I wanted people to have a more or less permanent address. But I guess that I'll just "shut my eyes" and write and take a chance on how long I'll be here.

I wonder what's been going on back there the last few days. I'll bet that school looks pretty near now. And by the time that this gets there it'll be less than a week away.

Just in case I do hear from you this afternoon, I'm going to sign off now and finish this evening. I'll be seeing ya.

6 P.M.

Well I'm on my job now but that's just about all the news I know. Sitting here a little while ago I had sort of a funny feeling come over me. I think

it was a slight touch of homesickness. I suppose the reason that it's kinda easy to get homesick even in times like these is because it's hard to keep from hoping - especially when you hear a good rumor once in a while.

Hope you're getting along O.K. I'll be looking for word from you tomorrow. Good luck and God bless you.

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