

13 March 1945  
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I hope this finds everyone  
well at home. Let me know  
the latest news, you might  
give the papers my new address,  
tell them this is the last time  
they'll have to change it.

Goodbye for now  
Love "Bob"

**Letter #82**

**From: RJD**  
**To: Family**

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