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August!

Dear Lalka:

I haven't written for a while  
so now that I have a little time  
I'll try to.

I saw Kenny last night and  
all afternoon today. He didn't  
seem to homesick to me so he  
might be getting over it by now. I  
ate some of the peaches and cake  
that you sent him and it was  
really good. This afternoon, Kenny  
Melvin, Ernie, and I went to  
the service club and ate ice cream  
all afternoon. We were going to  
call you, but the long distance  
operator told us we would have  
to wait 4 hours so we gave it  
up.

I got my telegram Friday and  
the lieutenant in our platoon

got the money you sent me in Abilene. I have plenty of money now, and thanks to both of you for the money order, and the Western Union money order.

We get paid next week so ~~we~~ we'll be sending some money home before too long.

I could have gone to town last night and today ~~but~~ but I didn't want to. All you see in Abilene is soldiers and I can see plenty of them around here.

Dad, you wrote in your letter that you wanted 'em' to come down and visit us. I really don't think that it would do her much good to try it for we never know what we will be doing. We have about 2 or 3 hikes a week starting next week and part of them will be at night so I really doubt that we could see her much

② unless it would be on Sunday. After  
4 or 5 more weeks it might be  
different and if I do think that  
we could arrange something I'll write  
you and let you know. The news  
about the house really sound  
good and as far as the new car,  
~~for~~, it would be nice, but  
as long as we really don't need  
it there isn't much sense in  
buying one and having another debt  
to pay. Maybe by Christmas you  
will have enough saved again  
to ~~buy~~ buy a car.

There's something about Henry  
that worries me. He took out  
an allotment as you probably  
know. By doing so he had to  
say that you were dependent  
on him and since you're not  
im afraid he might get into  
trouble over it sometime. If the

Government should check up and find that he had an allotment and that you didn't need it; they might do something about it. He thinks that he is pulling a fast one on the government; but he is entirely mistaken for no one has ever been very successful in trying to slip one over on Uncle Sam. If they should ~~write~~ ever write you and ask if you were dependent on Kenny I imagine that if you told them you were; nothing would ever come of it.

There are some other things that Kenny needs advice on. I didn't want to tell him in front of Melvin and Ernie so I'm going to write him a letter.

I haven't written Grace for four days now so I have to do that next. Has Peggy Lynn ever written her? Tomorrow

starts another ~~11~~ weeks and I do  
sort of like it. Time goes awfully  
fast and before I know it my  
11 weeks will be over.

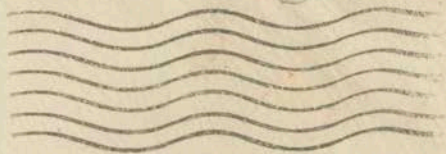
Really appreciated your letter  
"Dad", I think that it's the first  
one I ever had from you. I  
read the one you wrote Henry and  
every thing sounded swell.

Had a letter from Norma  
Jean, Thursday, I guess she is  
really having fun.

Goodnight, "Mom" and "Dad"  
Love Bob.

P.S. I don't need a thing -- do you?

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