

Russell Kansas

4-24-45.

Dear Bob,

Daddy called to tell me we had a letter from you & I knew something was wrong. so I'd been following the 85th Inf. + 10th mt. Division all over Italy - of the 5th Army. I was needless to say nervous & concerned about you but I didn't think of what might have happened - but I know I was praying all the while that you were safe where ever you were - & I surely hope you are alright - but don't fail to be so very careful - I'm sure you'll be alright. but I'm so sorry but honestly Bob it's wonderful to know you in a place where they are taking good care of you. so just rest & try to be as comfortable as you possibly can be - I'm anxious to know how it all happened & all but of course I know you are hand-icapped so I'm patiently waiting to hear - Margaret called me the minute she got home from work tonight & said she would write - Angie called & said she wrote Sunday & would write again - I only hope you get some more of the numerous boxes I'm sending - only I hope you get the cookies & Candy - & not the chili I sent when it was so cold over there - I'm sure you've never received it yet so goodness, only know just what you might receive - I had sent fruit cocktail three or four times that might be better than chili now - also the cookies - & letters - ~~papers~~ -

we had a card from N.J. and she is in Springfield & O.K. I'll write & tell her about you & love her write - I called Gloria tonight & told her, also to see how Harry Ray was as he had been sick he is alright again & Gloria says we won't know him he's growing so much & is getting so onery - I can just see

him too - ^{she is helping her bake up}
cakes - probably eating mostly - I mailed you another
box today - and will have another soon - I had made the
judge last nite & packed it today - I sure hope you
get it soon - Do you - I don't suppose you have
any idea how long you will be there do you?

I only pray this thing will end before you get back -
and don't let anything worry you - I imagine will be
notified by the War Dept. - but Casualty messages are
very slow - Banks still hasn't had the official
notice of Dean being a German Prisoner released - just
the name in the paper as a Kansas boy - The weather here
has been quite cold & disagreeable - just seems like we can't
have warm weather - last nite everything froze again.
Dora said Larry didn't know any more, that he
might be there sometime - again he nite be here soon.

Jimmie's still waiting his call - they're scrapping the
bottom of the barrel here unless they start taking more
older men - that just depends on how long the boats -
tomorrow is the 25th - the Big Three conference - I only
wish Roosevelt could be here, I'd feel much safer
over it all. because he's met with them before - but it may
be alright - They are having a clothing drive here & tomorrow
Daddy + I have to help sort them out + help get them
ready for shipping - Wag. called Daddy this after -
noon - I guess the Legion are helping - eight o'clock
tomorrow nite - so I'll write you earlier in the day - well

now I'm so sorry - but I'm glad too to know your alright -
that is not any worse than you are - Daddy said
he that you were very lucky - + so do I for a million
reasons - but do tell us all about it - hope you have something
to read there or cards to pass away the time - but do take
it easy + let us know when you can - Wish I could be
there with you - but maybe you'll do better this way + you
want anything please let me know - your letter came thru
in six days so it doesn't take for
Gordite
Woodhuck
Memom.