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"NEW GUINEA"

DEAR FOLK'S:  
 JUST ENOUGH TIME TO DROP YOU A FEW LINES, TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I AM FEELING JUST FINE AND GETTING ALONG OK. AS FAR AS THE NEWS FROM THIS END THERE IS VERY LITTLE AT LEAST SOME THAT I KNOW OF AT THE PRESENT TIME, SO WILL DO MY BEST AND TRY TO TELL YOU SOMETHING. I FINALLY RECEIVED TWO PACKAGES ONE FROM GLADYS AND ONE FROM MOM ONE WAS A BOX OF CANDY AND THE OTHER ONE HAD TEA, CANDY, COOKIES, SOAP, CIGARETTES. ALL OF WHICH I CAN PUT TO VERY GOOD USE, AS I NEEDED EVERY ONE OF THEM. HED GOT HERE JUST IN TIME AND THEY WERE IN FINE CONDITION EXCEPT FOR THE CANDY THAT GLADYS SENT IT WAS MELTED, I WAS ALMOST TEMPTED TO EAT IT ANYWAY WE ALSO I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM DAD THE FIRST FOR SEVERAL DAYS HOPE IT STARTS COMING THROUGH OK AND ALSO HOPE MY MAIL HAS BEEN COMING THROUGH TO YOU ALSO. I DON'T THINK I TOLD YOU BUT I MET SOME BOY WHO USED TO WORK AROUND RUSSELL, HE LIVES IN WATSON AND HIS FATHER IS A DOCTOR THERE NOW, HIS NAME IS BOB PARKER, ALSO I AM WORKING WITH HIM, AND ANOTHER BOY FROM KANSAS HE IS A BROTHER IN LAW TO JAY THE BOY WHO MARRIED BEN KEEN'S DAUGHTER, ALSO ANOTHER BOY IS FROM RUSSELL AND HE USED TO WORK FOR BART MABER, I CAN'T THINK OF HIS NAME BUT I HAD SEEN HIM AROUND HOME BEFORE I CAME INTO THE ARMY, HE IS OUR BAKER IN THE KITCHEN, AND ABOUT MID-NIGHT I GET OFF WORK AND GO OVER AND WE HAVE A CUP OF COFFEE A VERY SPECIAL TREAT, BUT AS HE WORKS IN THE KITCHEN HE CAN GET IT, ALSO ONCE IN A WHILE HE BAKES A CAKE ESPECIALLY FOR US THERE ARE ABOUT TEN BOYS HERE IN MY OUTFIT FROM KANSAS AND WE REALLY HAVE A TIME, WHEN WE GET A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER, WHICH HAS HAPPENED ONLY ONCE, I BE EIVED THE RUSSEL PAPER FOR THE FIRST TIME, AND ALL THE BOYS REALLY ENJOYED IT JUST LIKE A FAMILY REUNION WHEN THE PAPER COME, HERE GLADYS SENT ME A WICHITA PAPER AND THE BOY FROM THERE HADN'T SEEN ONE FOR SIX OR SEVEN MONTHS AND WHEN I GAVE IT TO HIM HE WAS REALLY HAPPY, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU THE FELLOW'S NAME THY ONE WHO IS JAY'S BROTHER IN LAW IT IS JOHN ALFORD, HE LIVES IN K.C. I WISH I COULD THINK OF SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT BUT AS I HAVE TOLD YOU I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY BUT I JUST WANTED YOU TO HEAR FROM ME, AT LEAST AND KNOW I AM FEELING OK AND GETTING ALONG WITH MY JOB JUST FINE, I BELIEVE I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I AM A DISPATCHER, MY JOB IS TO SEND THE THINGS OF WHICH WE HAVE MANY TO THEIR CORRECT DESTINATIONS, FOR TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY AN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, IT IS JUST ONE CONTINOUS JOB, NEVER ANYTIME OFF, BUT YES CAN FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY ARMY CAREER SAY HONESTLY THAT I AM DOING A JOB TO HELP WIN THIS WAR, I HAVE SEEN KNOWS OF SOME OTHER BOYS ALSO AND I DON'T CARE TO EVER BE WHAT SOME PEOPLE CALL A HERO, ALTHOUGH I HAVE SEEN SOME BOYS WHO CAMP PLENTY CLOSE TO BEING A HERO BUT NOW THEY ARE LAYING OUT ON ONE OF THESE NEW GUINEA HILLS PRACTICALLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT, EXCEPT FOR SOME OF THE MORE BRAVER PEOPLE THAT WE BOTH KNOW, AND I AM VERY SORRY TO SAY WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE KIND OF PEOPLE IN MY HOME TOWN, BUT MABER SOMEDAY THEY WILL WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT THERE IS A WAR GOING ON AND THAT IT IS MORE THAN GAS RATIONING, BUT THAT WE ARE NOT JUST BUYING WAR BONDS, BUT OUR OWN BOYS ARE GIVING THEIR LIVES, SO THAT SOME DRAFT DODGER CAN STAY BACK HOME AND MAKE GOOD MONEY, I GUESS I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN AS I AM YOUNGER THAN SOME OF THE MEN OVER HERE, BUT THY FEEL THE SAME AT ABOUT THINGS AS I DO AND I KNOW WE SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN BUT SOMETIMES IT DOE YOU SOME GOOD TO GET IT OFF OUR CHEST SO TO SPEAK, WELL I CAN'T THINK OF ANY MORE TO WRITE TO YOU ALTHOUGH I HAVE PROBABLY TOLD YOU TOO MANY THINGS ALREADY, AS FAR AS CENSORSHIP IS CONC BUT THERE IS A LOT MORE I AM GOING TO ACTUALLY TELL YOU IF I GET HOME, SO LET THEM BUY IT FOR NOW BUT THEY CAN'T KEEP ANYONE FROM THINKING, I AM ABOUT READY TO GO DOWN AND SEE IF I CAN FIND SOME CHOC AND THEN I THINK I WILL GO GET SOME SLEEP SO I WILL CLOSE FOR NOW HAVING TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN SOON. GIVE ALL MY REGARDS

\*\*LOVE KENNY\*\*

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