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Dear Bob:

Well again. I'll try writing a few lines, there's a lot happening but seems so useless & all considering the news over there. I've listened to every broadcast since the Monday morning news. I just don't see why they don't give up & quit this terrible thing but I really think the Germans have committed so many terrible things that they are afraid to give up & the ones responsible for this wholesale murder know they're doomed & as long as they can't prevent the end the longer they're O.K. The papers have carried news of the 5<sup>th</sup> Army advancing in Italy & also of the tenth maintain position. Advance I only pray you are safe. I couldn't help but think of you when you were in school playing football when I read the news of your 5<sup>th</sup> Army advancing under heavy enemy resistance yard by yard. But I know the peril & danger is great but surely this can't last & I pray it is God's will to bring you home safe & never to return to this terrible thing called war again. Today is my Birthday. I didn't even remember it that is ~~the~~ was Shloias & Larry's Wedding Anniversary. Since Monday I've thought of nothing but you & your safety. I was happy with the Gift you had remembered to love N.J. Help you get. It was so nice of you & you should never think of things like this as you're enough to think about. It is a beautiful blanket & one that will last a life time. Thanks a million son. I received a letter back yesterday that I had written to you in Jan. with some pictures of Kenney. I'll send the snaps in this letter. Also one from N.J. to you returned - the one she had told what we had all received for you. + I sent



several packages to the same address. I'm wondering  
 moving like you are if you'll ever get your packages now.  
 I sure hope you get some of that fudge + that Peanut Cluster.  
 it would taste pretty good to you I imagine. Daddy  
 + N.J. are over to Beskies into now. this is also Bessie  
 + Jimmie's Anniversary - but Jimmie has been about  
 sick with a cold. Anyway I think will postpone all  
 the celebrating till after the war. Bessie N.J. + I took  
 J.P. to Salina to see a circus - N.J. + I shopped while  
 they went to the circus I guess. J.P. liked it O.K.  
 I bought Daddy a new shirt + Larry Ray a new white  
 pair of shoes - N.J. reminded me of D. + Marie's Anniversary  
 as Daddy would them 25<sup>00</sup>. Daddy has a chance  
 to sell the interest he bought for you boys for 100  
 per acre - I think he has 80 acres in all now  
 personally I think it would be a smart thing to  
 do - they would be enuff to let you boys finish  
 your education without worry. Ben Rein returned  
 it down - but he can afford it of course it will  
 be worth a lot more later. he will be writing to you  
 about it I imagine. Daddy thinks Gloria + Larry  
 will be calling home soon. but I doubt that.  
 Angelina was here Tuesday. nite with a letter she  
 had from you - said it was the 1st time she'd  
 laughed for a month. she's really been broken up  
 since she heard from her ~~friend~~ news of Jimmie's  
 death. I wasn't here while she was here but Daddy  
 said she was here quite a while. anyway she got a  
 kick out of your letter. Better not plan on too much money  
~~out of your~~ Royalty in paid. Daddy was a little excited  
 when he was telling about it - it is worth more than  
 was - Well son Good luck + Good nite - hope this  
 letter finds you well + safe + that this thing is  
 over shortly - Love Mom