

Russell Kansas
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Dear Bob:-

I forgive me now as I didn't write you last night
 I think perhaps had you been here yesterday + experienced
 the thrill + let down we did here in the United States, +
 in this little old town of ours - it was the blowing of
 whistles - the train in here at the time almost made
 us deaf - about three minutes after seven. very few people were
 dry eyed. we were happy + sad - but you only a few minutes
 when we started hearing that it was only ~~an~~ unfounded
 rumor. so we have been very ~~let~~ up at it. They announced
 a while ago that it would be a matter of ~~hours~~. before we
 miles here the news again - I sure wish we could ~~hear~~
 more fooling - Daddy went to church with me this morning
~~Robert~~ Jenkins asked about you - I saw Shorty Sh. Aubyn +
 shook hands with him. he is quite a bit heavier than he
 was - but looks awfully nice. My request called me this
 morning. we are all concerned about since we're only
 had a few lines from you - Margaret says to call her as
 soon as we ~~can~~ hear as she wants to let Philip
 hear - she says - Philip says he feels like such a heel with
 you over seas + him out in Calif. but that where they
 went after the mail this morning. but no mail. - I got
 is headed + he + Daddy are ordering some ~~leaves~~ for the
 fire place. we aren't getting ^{along} very fast as material is so hard
 to get - but we'll get it ready soon. time for a steak fry when
 you get home - Margaret said "Gaustratnausei" - do you know
 who "Gaustratnausei" is to be sent to Rhode Island + out soon - his
 sister was here. + she asked about you + all the boys that were
 here when they lived here. Jimmie got another deplacement
 so his worries are over for a while. I hope Redney
 doesn't make a bad move but you know he's probably getting
 very tired of being in one spot as long + I guess we don't
 Rhode him for that. he's in a dirty - hot spot - but I don't
 think it's quite as dangerous as some places are - of course
 with their hottest weather before them if that's possible. I can't

blame him for wanting to see I only hope he's lucky in
 his move. Carrie dropped in a few minutes ago & wondered if
 we had any letters to mail & wanted us to come up for a while -
 but I still have a letter to write to Kenney and I should write
 to N.J. - guess she's getting along alright. she wants us to have
 the fireplace finished so when she comes home she can have
 a party - she'll be gone about six more weeks we miss her a lot
 as she's always around - this afternoon Boston
 & we drove out to see a B-29 that won't be going to Tokyo
 but the way we all safe except one had a broken leg - thanks to
 their parachute - this happened Sat. morning some had a very
 exciting day - Sat. I don't think they will blow any more
 whistles until they're certain of what, what -
 Bob my roses are growing wonderful - I planted about
 six dozen fancy Sat. before the news - my gladioli are up -
 so everything off to a grand start, I only hope you boys
 get home to enjoy these soon. the clove is getting quite -
 pretty in fact - Daddy did his fish mowing today they
 dandelions are still growing - my tulips are OK too & I had
 them planted all around the fence. Bob I hope your white -
 & having a good long rest - take it easy as we want you to
 get along alright - and I'm sure you will it seems as tho the
 mail is getting very slow - if Kenney hasn't been getting his
 notes or anything - if he moves he may never get them,
 or at least not while they're any good - he's sending his
 watch home so you know price Daddy sent you his letter
 Betty Hooper received the news that her husband was killed
 in action - they were only married a short time ago - but he
 only went over sometime in February - another tragedy - they're
 announced that they had sunk one of your hospital ships -
 such an inhuman thing for them to do - if only they'd end this in
 Germany it wouldn't take long over in Japan at least they
 could turn all hands to one job Well Bob I hope we have
 a letter tomorrow telling us your OK & are receiving your mail -
 + several of the numerous notes on the way - I'll get another box
 off to you this week with cheese etc again - I do hope
 Bob your feeling alright - it's bad enough to be so far away
 from home with none of the comforts of home much less
 to be feeling bad, but since you're in good hands I mean
 you'll be getting out of there soon - not too soon as you need
 some rest - Goodnite honey! Good luck. Mom -