

New Guinea  
May-18

Dear Father;

I haven't written to you for some time but I really haven't been able to, as we were on the alert and ready to leave at any time, but we are still waiting with no idea as to when we will leave, but I do hope it is soon, as I am getting restless, just waiting to leave at any moment.

Received my first magazines yesterday a Newsweek - it was only 8 days old and the latest news I have had since I left the states we get a lot of magazines but they are 3 or 4 months old and hardly new by that time, also received a Russell News dated the 22 Dec-44 but that must have been misplaced somewhere along the way - haven't had a package since the home - shoes - don't know what makes them so slow but there isn't anything you can do except wait until they get here - we did get my bundle - lighter - shoes - matches but do hope that they will arrive before long.

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Hope you have heard from Bob, and I do hope that he is getting along - o.k. he may be fortunate enough now that the war is over to be discharged as I doubt very much whether he will be sent over here especially after being wounded two different times, he probably will never know just how lucky he really was, but I know that God was with him, and our prayers have been answered.

I understand the army will discharge men by a point system and I personally think men with more combat time be first and second men with children - then men with length of service regardless of whether married or single - this will make me about the last one to be discharged as I now have only 45 points and it takes 85 it will take 20 more months over here to get the required 85 - 2 pts. each month overseas and 1 for every month in the states.

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I guessed the war in Germany  
would end May the 1st - but missed  
it by 7 days - only hope I can  
guess this one over as close - I  
don't think this war will be  
over until March of 1946. I can't  
possibly see it over any sooner, the  
Japs more so than the Germans will  
fight to the last man and very  
seldom a Jap is taken prisoner as  
the Germans were - there were only 5  
prisoners taken from Iwo - and so far  
from Okinawa it is less than 50 -  
so you can see at this rate it will  
take longer, the Japs may even ask for  
Peace but they will never get it, I  
don't think they have any secret  
weapons as did the Germans, and  
they cannot use Gas as it would  
endanger their entire civilian population  
so the war will be fought man to  
man - yard by yard I don't see how  
they can last for another year.

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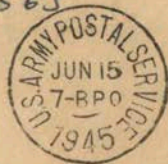
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