

October 25, 1945

Thursday, October 25, 1945

Darling-

Received your letter of October 13th today - I had been expecting one from you for the last day or so, so I was glad to get this one -

Now, I've been painting the wood work in the dining room today - white - finished the first coat and just finished cleaning up my mess - It looks grand. We told you about having the old plaster in the dining room knock down and new plaster put up. Well, we didn't have the plaster colored - just plain white - We want to wait until later before painting it. Seems a shame to paint new plaster. It looks lovely new - nice smooth white walls - I was glad to get it painted. Also want to get things moved back in and arranged.

Mr. Willie Nones Chapman died this morning at 5:00 a.m. He has been sick for quite a long time - I was such a nice man. Then Mrs. Minton died Monday - Rose Minton's mother. She had been in very poor health for quite some time -

Howard Shuerty left last night for Monroe, La. after 15 days home. He caught the train in Suffolk. I believe he had a grand time while he was home and he looks grand. It really amazes me how much he looks like you and how your ideas on life - You will find it true when you see him. He came up last night to tell us good bye and was in his uniform. He looked so hard some. We ain't sure where he will be sent after Camp Debra, but it is a staging camp so I guess anything can happen. He wants to go to college when he gets out - V.P.I. in fact. What do you think of that. I know he could make good. Well, I believe the romance of Mildred and Bank is off for good and Mildred is the winner. I never

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thought too much of Park and much less new. He really
did Mildred duty. Mildred is very much upset over it but in
time she'll get over it. She has really had some tough breaks.
Aunt Rosa can't talk about it very much. She is but too.
I understand Park will be out of the Army soon and plans
to go back to work for Joe later.

Sounds as though you all are having one wonderful
time shifting men from one job to another. I don't see how you can
keep any records straight.

By the way, Len, Mark is getting those
campaign ribbons you ask for and I'll mail them this
week end. Also have three rolls of film for you. Film is
so hard to get now. Mark got the three rolls for me. I have
everyone looking for it. Are you about to get any more?

Am really thrilled about the 22 cal rifle
you found. I was hoping you would lend me. Heh, I'm
anxious to see it. Do whatever you think best about mailing
it or keeping it until you come home. I too, would
hate for anything to happen to it. I know you are thrilled
about the picture. You've always wanted one.

As far as my liquor book is concerned,
I very seldom buy any. I believe I have bought three -
you see, I don't have the occasion to use it. It is indeed,
an expensive pastime. I'll see what I can do for you.

Oh, I do miss you greatly. but I
keep myself busy all the time. I have so many projects
underway. We all miss you -

all my love,
Bethie

October 27, 1945

Saturday, October 27, 1945

Darling,

Received your letter of the 20th today and it only took 1 day in coming. That's quite good. In fact, just about as fast as I have received one from you. Maybe some attention is being put on mail service now. Lately your letters have been moving along much more rapidly than ever before. I don't know how men are getting to you - one thing I do know and that is that there aren't very many of my letters being written. You have mentioned it in your letters several times and of course I have been many I'm writing from this end. I'm ashamed to admit I haven't written as often as I should. That's evident, isn't it. I'm ashamed to admit I have a determination to write you often.

Today I cleaned house while Helen stayed out doors and worked in her garden. We had a man to dig the holes for the trees today and he is a real cookey. Have just about all the trees placed and just about all holes dug. By the way, would you be interested in owning $\frac{1}{4}$ of the orchard? So far so good, Bill and Helen owe it. Let me know what you think. The trees cost \$270.00 - our share would be $\frac{1}{4}$ of \$270.00 or \$67.50. Right now, the orchard is our main project.

This afternoon I went into town for a few things. Mark rode in with me. We didn't stay long. Just went to the grocery store - and stopped by Cecil's

to see the new 1945 Ford which came in Friday - Looks
alright but I can't see very much of a change.
Cecil only has one. I don't know how they are going to
be sold. Probably rationed and it should be the
best thing -

I still don't exactly understand when you will be
home. In one letter you said March - then in another you
said you hoped you'd be home by Xmas. Which is it -
you said you couldn't get out of the army in March. Does
that mean you won't return to the States until March or
that you may return any before Xmas and still not
get out until March. I haven't got it exactly clear.

I have the two Campaigns here you
requested. Will mail them Monday. Must get them
for me - I hope they are as you wanted them.

Well, I have to go to Sunday School
tomorrow so I'd better go to bed now.

I do miss you here. I guess it would
even seem funny now to be with you after such a long
time of being apart. I might have to get use to you all
over again - That part I don't mind.

all my love,
Bobbie

October 28, 1945

Sunday, October 28, 1945

Darling

Went to Sunday school and church this morning. Then went over and had lunch with your family. I kept getting away because mother, Dad, Helen and I went to see Mr. R. H. Minton, then stopped by to see Mrs. Willie Holmes Chapman, and also stopped by to see Mr. Henry Lykes. Then before coming home we went by to see Emily and Bess Robinson for a few minutes. You might say we spent the entire afternoon visiting people. Just Helen and I went by to see Emily and Bill. They were all called that should be made and today was needed a good time to make them. I guess maybe we started about 3:30. First we went to see Mr. Minton. Then came back and stopped by to see Mrs. Chapman. Willie Holmes is out of the army now and is going back in hospital with the hospital. He's really a fine person and so well thought of. After visiting with them, we went over to see how Mr. Lykes was. He had been quite sick for sometime. Still isn't strong. In fact - can't sit up too very long. Mrs. Whittley was there so we had a nice visit. Then we left Dad, Mother and Dad went on home and we rode around to see Emily and Bess. They are living in the house that P. D. Dunstrey built on the hill beside Lucy Thomas. It is a new house and quite nice inside. Has all conveniences but they have to pay \$60 a month rent. That is entirely too high for the size of Smithfield, but they can't find any place to live so had to take something. I saw Parker Griffin today and he thinks he will be out of the army this Saturday - Nov. 2. He please to go back to work for Joe Latta - nothing more.

has been said about Mildred and Park. As I said before -
I believe it is entirely worked up.

Uncle also saw Arthur Phelps as he was waiting
to catch the bus back to New York News - He is teaching in
Wilkesburg now and of course since Grace is staying in
Smithfield now he was her for the day. They have another
daughter born last Tuesday. Looks like girls raised that
family - Arthur said he had an operation nearby and
soon as Grace is able to leave, they will move her. I
understand that Mr. Powell is going to the hospital today
for another operation. He seems to be in pretty bad
condition and they are worried about him. He hasn't
been strong you know.

Your Dad said he wanted you - about
what I don't exactly know but I have an idea. He said
it was about taking over the farm. I believe - I don't
give a chance to talk to him today and much as I should like
to have, because he had to go in town and I had to
leave early.

Went I as well I could talk over all these
plans with you. There are a lot of plans that need straightening
out and I believe we should understand. We'll have
time though.

Hope you are fine. I miss you so - Life never
seems complete unless you are around. Lately it hasn't been
complete as you can well imagine - Oh, wouldn't it
be wonderful to see you again soon - What do you look like?
Have you changed? I'll find out all these things, huh -
Take care of yourself.

Love to you -

Betty

October 29, 1945

October 29, 1945 - Thursday

Darling-

Am listening to the radio now. there are always good programs on Thursday nights and we always gather around the radio from 7:30 til about 10:30 - or as long as we can stay awake. Lefer Miller and Dad had gone to bed and Helen and I are the only ones up. Helen happened to be out in the cabrio painting snaps. I'm in the living room. I had taken care of the whereabouts of all of us.

Helen and I went to town today to pick up a few things. Helen wanted to send some friends in Washington some bacon and it took us all morning to get those packages wrapped. I even cut my finger in the process. I was glad when those three packages were finally mailed.

Sara Pease Jones today and he looks good and just exactly the same. Now so much personality and is so cute. He wanted to know when you were coming home, so I gave him the base down and your activities. He said it was like you were coming home. Wanted to know what you were doing now, etc. Helen, I took Captain in town and he had a time. He doesn't like for any

me to touch the car and he really attacks little children. Now don't let me give you the impression that Captain is a bad dog. He really isn't - but he just doesn't want any one to touch his car or go near to his barn, etc. Then he had never been around children so consequently he isn't used to them and acts up when any little children come - but he is still a love. Right now Captain is in the chair by the fireplace. He's asleep.

Now, don't think she will be released about March or April. He thinks and probably she had information that the branch office is to be closed. She has a job waiting for her - Cecil Hartney wants her to work in his office and of course - it would suit me - just fine to be able to

be home all the time. I imagine he is going to take the job, of course
the salary won't be as high.

Well, we are now getting the basement dug. The
man started on it today. Looks like we are going to get those
two bed rooms built on after all. The Jones is going to do the
work. Henry Lydes didn't have the lumber but Daddy called
one Swalley tonight and he is going to furnish it if he possibly
can. They just can't get lumber now. We are also changing
the road. I may have told you about that. The road
now goes by the ledge. It doesn't go through the yard
any more. The drive way comes in by the end of the terrace
court near the green trees. You probably won't know
the place when you get home. We are really in the
middle of doing over. The road is much better now.
You'll like it. I really should have been like this all the time.

Well, I hope I hear something more
about your coming home. I hasten to close each letter
to see what you have to say on the subject. Hope you
are fine. Take care of yourself. sweet.

Love to you.

Baba

October 30, 1945

Tuesday, October 30, 1945

Darling,

Wela and I went to the show tonight. saw "Earl Carrillo's Vanities". Nothing Mother and Dad wanted to see so they didn't go. We enjoyed it although there was not much of a story.

Didn't hear from you today and I sorta expected a letter. I guess maybe you are giving me a dose of my own medicine and I can't blame you in the least. But can't you see how I am improving - (you should be getting mail much more regularly.)

Today I did some window cleaning. the dining room windows. Took a razor blade and got all the paint off. Also painted the little bush in cabinet a second coat. Then Helen and I picked over a bushel of persimmons. I guess maybe we'll send them to friends. Plato's just about all we have been doing with these. We only have two trees left after all those trees Raddy had. By the way, I know I have told you about the orchard. Well, we're still progressing nicely. Raddy came home early this afternoon - 4:30 P.M. (if you can call that early) and marked off the new fence. Remember where the black berries are, well the fence is going about 10ft inside the old orchard and the fence will go straight. The old fence had a curve in it. Then of course the old road will be taken up with the new apple trees. You simply won't know the place when you see it. All such ground improvements that you will like. We are all so interested in getting it all done before you come home. Of course some of the things we can't finish before you return.

We mean come again today and dig some more on the basement. This is a slow process because the ground is hard after you get down under the top soil. It is really a wicked thug and I don't imagine it will take

him more than two weeks. The problem now is getting lumber. There just doesn't seem to be any - we're trying all sorts - I don't know what people are doing to do - I mean those who want to build new homes. There just isn't any lumber ready - it will have to be cut, dried, etc. - That all takes time.

Have you heard any more about coming home. How do you like the new Col. Give me the lowdown on everyone - you never mention any one else. I've even forgotten who is over there now. What do they think about coming home - do any one staying in.

Walter went to town today and learned that Sam & Laura's husband is home on leave. He still hasn't gotten out of the states - and isn't out of the army yet. Mary Emily's husband is now in Germany and isn't expected to come over. and if so - when. That's the only way I'd ever get over there - Mary Emily seems anxious to go.

When Bernice Swatney and I are putting on a play for the Rotary Club - date is November 16th. show is a womanless wedding - should be good for us have a nice cast. I'm hoping it isn't going to be too much trouble.

Hope you are fine. When I do miss you so much I wonder lots of times what it would be like to have you back cause it has been so long - what we would do, where we would go on different occasions - It's nice to dream though.

Always love,
Betty

October 31, 1945

Tuesday, October 31, 1945

Barling -

Received your letter of October 23rd today. so you can see mail is coming through alot better now. It only takes about 7 days or 8 days for your letters to come. You make me feel very bad when you say my letters are the only thing you have to look forward to and when they don't come you miss them - when I find out how, I didn't write as often as I should have but now I'm writing every day. Looks like I'm trying to make up for the times I didn't write, doesn't it.

I simply can't understand a new Col. being sent in and only going to stay for a short time. The army must be messed up. Will Col. Martin be the C.O. then - or will they send in another man for the job.

Now, you ask me a rather point blank question when you ask me if I prefer you staying in the army for a while or come on home. You know I want you to do exactly what you feel is best for you to do and what you personally want to do. Let's not consider any thing else - You know exactly what you would rather do. I think it through and see if you still feel the same - I don't want to be the one to make any decision - after all it is you and you're the one who has to do it. I'm secondary in consideration, remember that.

You say you want to farm and that's all. Barling, I personally hope you can make money at it. Seems to me everyone I know (all my uncles) have given farming second part.

Maybe I don't know all details. Also maybe you have plans,
you dad says you can take over his place - I don't know
whether I like the idea of him having to pay you a salary.
Haw. I just can't figure it all out. I want so much to
do the right thing - that I'm afraid to even think about
it. Don't worry, it will all turn out for the best.

Woke up & rode over to see Charlie and
Pa. tonight. Just got back near 10:30. They all seem
to be fine except Charles who's not too well. Charlie
is still the same. We had a couple drinks, the first I
have had in months - and it was wine at that - you can
see we very seldom have time for that sorta thing - but
all stay much too busy.

Don't make one word to me what the present
present is you have. You didn't even give me a
hint. You have been I am when it comes
to presents - I nearly go crazy until I find out
what it is - You sound very confident when you
say you know I will like it - Haw. I knowed
I will if you picked it out.

We really wanted to know exactly
when you will be coming home. You said
March in one letter and then in another
that which do you really mean - You've gotten us
a little confused.

Hope you are fine and taking care
of yourself like I would do if I were with you - Love
you, Pa. - Miss you and love you as much as ever -

all my love -

Bethie


November 2, 1945

November 2, 1945

Darling -

Received your letter of October 26th today, so your letters are coming through better than they ever have before. Maybe the postal service is improving. It could really stand a lot of improving at one time.

Guess your letter didn't contain very good news. I was afraid something like that would happen. I know the army now. I hadn't counted on it anyway. It would have been too nice a thing to happen to get and for it didn't want me to have a nice one. Honestly, did you really count on it or did you have an idea something like this would happen. I thought they were releasing men too quickly and would disown it sooner or later. At the rate they were going, all the men would have been home in a very short time. So you are now required to have 100 points again. By the way, how many do you have. It or am I wrong. At that rate how many or rather how long will it be before you have 100 points - of course they may lower that again - that's possible and probable. As I said before - I hadn't counted on your being home for Christmas - but I was certainly hoping like the devil. No harm in that.

Just went to the show last night - had good on the show with James Cagney. It was good and I enjoyed it. We all went and just as we were going in the door I met Dominic Cox - we stood outside and talked a few minutes and Dominic is going back to Richmond to work on Monday. He

looks grand and the army has surely helped him. He has
come out, so to speak. A vast improvement I must say.
Jimmie was always such a nice person and now he is loper.
He took me to the show and I thoroughly enjoyed talking
to him. He wanted to know when you came to house, etc.
I couldn't tell him very much because after all, I didn't
know whether it would be Keen or later.

Tonight we have had quite a full night.
Had a practice of the Wormshead Wedding. This was the
first practice and I think it is going to be good. We
have a good cast. The practice in the Agricultural Wedding
There was a basket ball game going on too. I think the
town team played the school team. We went
over after practice and saw just the last quarter.
Lobby did the refereeing. By the way, how have you
is now a page. I had a baby girl and is to grow.
You cannot have through Lobby was the only
page that ever existed. But I can't blame him.
They have been married for such a long time and wanted
achieved for as long as a year Lobby has felt as though
he is the only one Lobby is mountain now at Jimmie
Sprigg's side. I understand they are pretty good.
We also went to the opening of the new
Library. Core Chiquano's house was given to the
town of Smithfield as a library. He also gave 5,000
for upkeep. of course all the furniture is gone but
they have fixed it up very nice. The small no. of
books Smithfield had, is not in that big house. They
need a lot more to fill it.

Midred went in town with us. (Heard
me.) She went up to see the Byants while I went up to
practice. I understand Midred has given Parke his ring back.
That was the last thing she has ever done. I am glad it is
over but I cannot see for Midred to give
someone's ring. Smithfield is a bad place to

find someone to go with. There are no nice young men. Brought
you led a hard time here. Mother needs to go with someone nice and
I've been trying to think of someone for her to go with. Can't
think of anyone.

John. Jimmie Jr was telling me that
Jack Bell is out and is going back to R.P. to the same
thing he was ~~was~~ doing before he went in the Army.
I haven't seen Jack.

Now you do what ever you want to do.
regarding the Army. I'm back of you 100% in what ever
you want to do. You know that. Don't have any
about it. I know you and that's all that matters.
(with it) I surely hope so. When I see other people
I always think of you and love you twice as much.
I really picked a jewel. and I'm not kidding - still
you used to get mighty mad with me at times. Was I
all that bad then.

but can't buy a farm now, but of course
you can farm and farm. It is all yours. You're free to
do whatever you wish with it. (with the money) You had
said he would turn over his farm to you. What they
you are. your land your choice of either or both. Now,
I can't decide for you. I want that to be your
decision. I'll help you all I can.

I know you are enjoying
the hunting. But I would go with you. That
I just wish I were with you. But wishing never
gets you any place. I am anxious to see the
22 rifle you had.

I don't your letter came through and
you forgot to sign it. You're signing. How do I
know from whom I'm receiving such mail.
and send a sweet letter to darling. Don't forget
to put your John Hancock on the letter. I might think
someone else is writing me.

all my love, darling -

Bob

November 4, 1945

November 4, 1945
Sunday

Darling,

It had really turned cold now! Ha, this is the first cold weather we have had and after such nice warm beautiful weather, we are surely feeling it. Today at church, people had their overcoats. I believe the weather man says it will be down to about 28° tonight. Am I shaking? You know how I hate cold weather. I don't mind cold weather, but when it turns cold - that's another thing - so far the house has been very comfortable. But it can get so cold.

I went to Sunday School and church today - they went over to your house and had lunch. We just sat around and talked and then your dad and I went out doors to get in eggs and drive the cows from one field to another - I went down the barn and watched John with the electric masher. (He had to keep today because the other crew wanted off) after supper, your mother & dad drove with me home - they hadn't been down in quite some time and I had been after them to come. They just left (9:30) and now everyone else has gone to bed. Captain and I are the only ones up - I'm sitting in here in front of the fireplace with Captain at my feet. He should be back in the kitchen in his bed.

I just learned that Harcourt Harvitz called up last night from Monroe, La. and told them that he was being sent to Europe! When, he doesn't know. He heard it just about to leave a bit. I know, you may see Harvitz in the

not too distant future - I don't think Oswald
wants at all. He did want to go to school, but he
still has plenty of time for that.

Now, with this new proposal up before
congress (Universal military training) and if it goes
through (and I sincerely hope it does for the sake of
the U.S. and also all young boys - and I have
no doubt that it won't) it will require a lot of
experienced army people - where are they going to
get these men from.

Am now busy working on the show the
woman's budding - and will probably be busy
for the next two weeks. Am sorta up to my neck in
the costume situation - Trying to find dresses large
enough to fit all those men - Ray Doreau is
the bride - It is going to be quite cute I think -

Now, have you heard any more about
the point system - I'm anxiously awaiting what
needs you have or might have - It all sounds
a little mixed up - or I might say, a big mix up -

I don't hope you are fine - we all
miss you so much -

all my love,

Bethie

November 5, 1945

Monday, November 5, 1945

Darling -

Have just received your letter of October 28th. The letter I've been waiting for. You might call it the answer to an answer. Darling, I wanted so much to tell you every thing you wanted to know, in the way you wanted to know it and how I wish I could have talked with you. It could have all been solved in such a short time but instead letters have to solve the problem. I must say it is hard, inconvenient but only common.

Now, please let your mind rest, relax now and enjoy life while you are here. I want you happy. Peace of mind is the most important thing. Don't get yourself all worked up for nothing.

Let me come right out and say it in plain words. I want you home with me as soon as you can come. If you can come before 2 weeks - then I'll leave the Loppical Texas I've ever had. If the point system has gone back to 100. then we'll just wait and hope you'll be able to come soon. The main thing is. Come home! Let's start living as normal people live. Together in a home. Darling, sometimes people are blind - in other words, can't see beyond their noses. Well, we're blind! Yes, we really are - Even the world for happiness and can't even see it. Why you know as well as I that we couldn't be happy any place else but right here in Virginia doing what we want to do. Darling, we're part of this country and it's part of us. The letter probably being the stronger. Why, the way I feel now, we could rebuild this whole town over. Just as long as I had you - that is imperative.

Don't even think about the army any more - you're not interested in anything they have to offer. Not even if they offered you a

General job, now, I mean it - Don't think about it
anymore. Really, I've heard all about the army &
want to hear - all I want now is you on this side
of the ocean and out of the army.

Sincerely, we both want happiness for
each other - we're just cut out for Virginia and
for living on a farm. It isn't that we couldn't be
satisfied in any other life, 'cause we've always been
able to adjust ourselves to what ever came up. But it's
just that you and I love this kind of life.
Speaking of love, I might add just to break
the monopoly and because I mean it as
I've never meant it before - that I love you more
than you'll ever imagine possible. You're
everything a wife could ask for only, more so.

Answer to question number 1 - you
said that I said in my letter "I don't know
how to get around it. It is just one vicious circle".
Explanation: - yes, I was referring to farming - and
I didn't know how to get around it - and farming
is one vicious circle. I meant exactly what I said -
~~it is a vicious circle~~ I meant exactly what I said -
because
it is a vicious circle if you don't know farming
you think I might not be happy with you
farming - you are mistaken. I'd be happy with
you any place - so long as I'm happy with
you. I don't think I'm against your
plans. I don't think I'm for them.
Wouldn't I be a nice wife if I were against
them. One thing you can always count on
though, is that I will always express my
opinion. You have always put me the honor of
asking for it and I've always tried to get the

thoughtful answer sent to you clearly.

Answer to question number 2 -

I said the future worried me. Well, damn it - it does. I don't think the present is a very peaceful place in its present state and prospects for the future aren't too clear and bright. I don't like it sounding this pessimistic but the atomic age isn't a safe one. Not with such destruction in such a mass form and attainable in such speed. Well, with the world in such a torn-up affair, each individual's future is too. I didn't mean sure future. I don't think we will starve. That part is the least of my worries. I'd be a fool if I expected to live the rest of my life without worries. I don't know what the future brings. I'm not going to look for trouble but if and when it comes, I surely won't be lashed off my feet. Because I said and thought the future was a paved road. Yes, I'll still say the future worries me - and I need it. But do you understand how it carries me - Darling, do you understand me -

I've read you letter through several times and I think I've answered all questions. All I want you to do is relax your trouble brain - and desire it - come home - Let the army alone - I want you - and just how I do love you -

all my love, sweet

Beth

He said he knew he was needed at home much more than he was over there. Said he didn't know when he would get home. Tommy says the same thing. Dad had his cows tested a week or so ago for T.B. and bange and out of 146; 46 reacted with bange and 6 suspects for T.B. This will cut them down but Dad was planning on cutting them down this winter anyway but this will take out several of his best. He is picking corn this week with Mr Beale's picker; he has about 1500 bbls after filling both silos. This is the first time in several years that we have had any over to put in the crib. Haven't picked any peanuts yet waiting on Mr Beale to finish his. Peanuts is falling short with lots of people; not so many made this year.

Dad doesn't think his crop is short but you can't tell until they are picked.

You should have two more boxes before long. I think that box you got was a part of the things you request some time ago. I still have some more to send as soon as I can get it off. I sent a box of spread + sargumine and a cake in one in Oct on the 8th.

All sends love Always
mother

November 11, 1945

Sunday, November 11, 1945

Darling,

Received your letter of November 4th today. That letter really came through in record breaking time. The mail situation is really improved.

Well, I'd better go back and pick up my activities for the last couple days. Friday night Mark, (minded) and I went to the dance in town. Meets by Bill and Emily Robinson's first for a few drinks. They had invited me by to go to the dance with them. and I really didn't want to go, but sorta got involved. afterwards I was glad I went, cause I had a grand time although I didn't know 1/4 of the people there. It was an Armistice Day dance - at intermission we were invited to Bill and Emily's for sandwiches, etc. It was all very good.

Saw a lot of people at the dance - Charlie Parker, just home with his wife - he is in the Marine Corp until June. Looks fine and Lennie's changed. Jack Wilson & Alice (Sister Wilson) were there - Jack has just gotten his discharge - in fact just returned from Germany. He came back with quite a few awards as I've told you about. The Dick Jones is home and was at the dance. Seems everyone is home or on the way. Lucy Laquette is on his way home -

Saturday was spent at home cleaning the house. He did go up to see Charlie and Virginia's at night. Had a few drinks and sat around and talked. I always enjoy Charlie's repulsive talk. He knows all - and how he finds it out. I don't know. I believe Charlie would die if he ever moved away from here. That's really a part of the

Country - Today, I went to Sunday School, caught the bus out to your
house for lunch. After lunch I rode down Carrolltop to
see some people. Then back home and I drove on down
to Haverly town. That brings me up to the present time. We
are now listening to the radio.

Your letter mentions being transferred to 231 AAA
5/6 (what is that) Bn. I can't understand you being
transferred. Was any one else - You said the 231 AAA
was supposed to call for the states sometimes in Dec. -
Now, that I'll believe when I hear it again from a little
more reliable source. When, has it happened we
were transferred - or is that the procedure when one
returns to the states if the whole group isn't
coming. I hate to think of you leaving the
7th after all these years. Seems unusual to
say - Explain! Hope you'll see the set up, Gen.
Let me know all about it. Will Col. Brady send back to
the states.

you have really been on hunting
trips. Deer hunting must be fun. It all sounds
wonderful - You surely get around. Gen. Ted remember,
when you come home and if you plan to do anything
you have outlined - you'll not have time for hunting -
In fact, I'm worried about ever seeing you - You're
surely surviving yourself - Gen. With a dairy farm -
Let's hope! Let me know the latest on your
coming home - I'm anxiously awaiting -
all my love,
Daddy

November 18, 1945

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Darling

Excuse your letter of Nov 5th. You still haven't given me any information as to why you are being transferred to the 23rd and what kind of an outfit it is. Do they usually transfer high point men to outposts the way back to the states. I'm very anxious to know all about it. How do you think you will be home before Texas or do you think it will be later. By the time you get this letter you should know a little more about the possibilities of coming home and how soon. We are all very anxious to know exactly when you think you will arrive.

Well, the womanless wedding went off fine. In other words, it was quite a success. Genevieve and I were very well pleased. We had a full house and got plenty of laughs. I'm glad it is over though as it involved a lot of work. And I can relax - Hope - I'm going to turn a deaf ear to any thing else that comes up. I've gotten my self involved enough.

And, I'll be on the look out for the 8 boxes you are mailing home. I imagine they will come some time around the middle of December. It usually takes a month for packages to come. I'm very anxious to see the rifle you claim is such a honey. If you say it is such a beauty, I know it must be! Well of course I want to see that wedding and Texas presents you say you know I will like. I can't imagine what it is - so you can see it will be total surprise! I have no idea where I can put all those

boxes, but I guess I can find some place when
you know how and are pressed for space. Even
at your house there isn't any closet space. Course
if course comes to words, I'll put those boxes in the barn.
In fact, I'm thinking seriously of just moving in the
barn. What do you think. We'll need at least two
places to ourselves!

Now, I've been over at your house today
after church for dinner and spent the afternoon. Every
one is fine. They expect Tommy home for Christmas. I
I learned today that Freddie Chapman is in Washington
and Lucy Paulette is in New York. Frank Coyer wrote
that he didn't see any chance of getting home
before next summer. That he and three officers were doing
the work of about three times as many men.
Looks like Frank is stuck. He is at Le Harve, France
by the way. Howard left yesterday from Newport News
on the west coast for Le Harve, France - then to go up
into Germany.

Now, did you ever get to Berlin. I
wish you could before you come home. I don't believe
you ever mention going up to Berlin. You weren't too far
from it when you were at Eschwege. And Kassel.
If you are now being sent to Fulda that is south
Kassel.

Now, I hope you have some excited.
news the next time you write. Let me know all
that develops. Over all love!

all my love,

Babie