

England,
Dec 25, 1944.

Dear Mama,

Received your letter - yesterday. I'm
glad to hear from you again. I
got a letter from Russell today. They
were the first two letters I have
had in about a month and a
half. — Of course I don't write
any oftener than that myself
so I can't complain.

I received all 3 Christmas
packages OK - one from Dorothy.
I have not written to her yet but
will in the next few days.

I am sending you a money order
along with this letter - It will
be a little late for a gift but
hope you can make use of it.
Don't worry about saving any
of it for me - You mentioned
something about that in one
of your letters. Any time I send
you some money it is yours and
I expect you to make use of it.

Have you heard from Willie
since he went to France? - I
have had one letter from him -

By the way if you happen to see Ray or Annetta, tell them I got her letter ok. I have been trying to locate David. I have his address but have not written to him yet. He is probably a Major or Lt. Col. by now. His job calls for Lt. Col. I would sure like to see him as he has probably had some interesting experiences.

I hope you all had a nice Christmas. I spent a quiet day here in the shop with very little to do except listen to the radio. The Christmas music made me sort of home-sick. — We had turkey for dinner. At least that's what somebody said it was.

I haunt made any resolutions
for the new year but have been
seriously thinking of writing
home a little oftener - at least
once every six months !!! -

At any rate if you don't happen
to hear from me for a while,
there's nothing to worry about. I
am getting along fine. I am only
hoping that you are all as well-
off as I am. I will be there
at home next Christmas -

Give everybody my regards.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Lots of love to all,

John