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Dear Mama,

It's getting rather late so I'll make this short. I ~~guess~~ hope you all had a merry Christmas. I sure wish I could have been there. If I could get even three days off I could spend a little time at home.

As it is I don't know when I can get a pass for that long. Maybe not until after ~~maneuvers~~ maneuvers which will probably come in about two months.

Have you decided when you are coming up? I should know about 2 wks. ahead so so I can make reservations for your room.

I made a trip to Evansville last week end. From Sat. afternoon to Sun. night. The ~~Captains~~ Capt. took four of us over. I rode a bus back - had to stand up.

I had two pictures made. They - I ought to get them in a week. The snapshot one of the boys took of me hasn't been over -

developed yet. I had my combat suit on when it was taken.

I'm sending back two of the pictures you sent me. I would like to see some of the snow pictures. I got the picture of you and Dad. It certainly is good. I keep it on the shelf. I thought they might not like it there during inspection but nothing was said about it.

I believe I owe Jewell a letter. Tell her I will write her soon.

Edwin sent me John's picture. One of the boys told me they saw it in the Evansville paper. I'm glad he wasn't moved to N. Africa. I wrote him a letter with the address you gave me. I'll write him again Sunday. Have you been sending him cigarettes? I imagine it hard to get the kind he likes over there. I'm going to send him some more the first chance I get.

The mud is awful here. I have two pair of shoes I have to wash tonight. I had better close and get busy.

Love to all

Russell

P.S. Tell Caroline and Alice I will send them their Christmas pretty soon.

Please use this address

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