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Dear Mom & all,

It seems that I haven't written you for some little time. Hope I haven't been too lax about writing. Hope you can read this scrawl, am not used to using a stock pen. I am writing this in a U.S.O. in New Boston - a very small town about two miles from camp.

I told you that I was going to a mechanics school in Aberdeen Md. didn't I? I think the school will last only six weeks, maybe twelve. After school I will return to this same company.

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If you don't know - Aberdeen is near Baltimore.

I awoke this morning with large invasion headlines staring me in the face. Have been listening to the radio all day. Since I am leaving for school tomorrow I had nothing to do today.

I expect to get a delay in route or furlough ~~at~~ when I finish school - will have about six or seven days at home (I think). Bernice & Jewell should be home by then shouldn't they?

I don't believe there is any reason to worry about Johnny. He will probably be busier than ever repairing radios.

I wrote Bill some time ago and received a reply last week. John has been owing me a letter for a long time. Do you hear from him very often?

I'm sure Eastham are worried about Alvin. Being in the Infantry he is pretty apt to be in on the invasion.

I can't remember the exact date I was last home on furlough. It has been close to a year hasn't it?

How do my boots look. Wish someone would look at them. If they seem dry could someone put some saddle soap on them or

a light coat of minkfoot oil?

They will come handy for fishing & hunting someday maybe.

I didn't mention the boots because I think the war will soon be over. I think there is still a long road ahead.

You can pretty well expect me to leave the states soon after my furlough. Nothing definite of course but things look that way.

You knew I was taking basic training. Just came off a weeks bivouac last Saturday - topped off with a 20 mi. hike. I lost about 10 lbs. but am rapidly gaining again. Hi! The weather here is really hot.

Hope everyone is well. Will ~~you~~ write you as soon as I reach Aberdeen.
Love to all
Russell