

Sat. Apr. 25, 1947
209 So. High St.
Lake City, Minn.

Dear Scotty,
I have been awfully slow in answering your letter, but thought I would wait until I had some good news for you. Dot and I have been "expecting" for two weeks now and we are still waiting. I am going to write and hope I have to take her to the hospital as soon as I finish this letter.

I have been hearing from Cramer regularly. I have also had a couple of letters from Wissel. Cramer is taking Veterinary Medicine.

Do you remember a year ago today? We were about 6 days out at sea. I was just starting to get sick.

I haven't been doing much outside of working. Have been doing some bowling and fishing. Caught a couple nice "messes" of sand pike thru the ice in the lake.

We had a two weeks layoff over

Christmas and New Year. Shortage of iron.
'Iron' is really scarce since the coal strike.
I did pretty good, up until the first of the
year though. I made \$2100:- in the 7 mos.
that I worked in 1946.

The army and I haven't gotten our
affairs all straightened out yet. I still haven't
received my last four bonds and I have 3
Class E allotment checks (\$500:- each) coming
yet. I have a lawyer working on my claim
now. I haven't received my terminal leave
pay yet. I figure I have around \$4000:- coming.
How did you make out? Did you get everything?

We have had a very nice winter so far.
We had some snow, but it is almost all gone
now. Had a couple of days of 25° below zero.
It has been just like spring this last week.

I just finished having my teeth fixed, at
Uncle Sam's expense. Made the last trip this
morning. Had 8 teeth filled. Well Scotty I
must close now. I'll write soon and let you
know what it is.
your buddy, Van

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