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Dear Mom -

Received your Xmas and New Year Greeting yesterday. I notice it came via 4092. That delayed it, of course. Otherwise it would probably have gotten here by Xmas.

I'm back at the old grind now - settled and ready to sweat out my replacement. Next time I come home, which shouldn't be more than 6 or 8 months, I'm coming for reassignment. That means I'll be in the States longer. It's not probable that I'll get a permanent assignment in the U.S. unless the war takes a sudden turn for the better. Things haven't been going so good lately. But maybe



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this is their last stand.

Alice's letter came yesterday too. She didn't write very much but I was glad to get it anyway. It was good while it lasted.

I made application for two allotments of 35 each effective the first of the year. One to the bank and one to you. The first checks should arrive during the first week of February. In the meantime, I plan on sending home some cash. I'll get paid on the 10th of this month - supplemental pay roll. I didn't get here in time to make the regular roll.

I haven't written Jewell yet. Give her my love and tell her to be patient.
You and Dad take it easy - Love to all
Bill



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P.S. - Something I forgot -

I told Bob before I left that I would have you send him the Yank magazine when you finish reading it. I know your subscription is out now - but give him a few of the last ones anyway and I'll try to re-new it. I'm not sure I can.

Tell them hello and I'll write to them -

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