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U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

November 4, 1943

Senior Sanitary Engineer (R) Daniel E. Wright
Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Sir: (Through Dr. James A. Crabtree, Chief Medical Officer)

You are hereby called to active duty under the terms of your commission as Senior Sanitary Engineer in the Reserve of the Public Health Service, effective November 15, 1943, and are detailed to the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Operations. You are directed to report on November 15, 1943, to Dr. James A. Crabtree, Chief Medical Officer, Room 457, 1734 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., for further instructions.

Respectfully,

Surgeon General





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Sir: (Through Senior Surgeon James A. Crabtree)

Reference is made to statement of service credit furnished you with official letter of August 19, 1943, which you returned unsigned because you believe you entered the United States Army, Chemical Warfare Service as Captain in July of 1918, instead of October 23, 1918, as indicated in the statement.

Accordingly, the report furnished by the Demobilized Records Branch of the War Department was returned to the Adjutant General's Office for another search. Recent reply has been received from the War Department stating "the report furnished July 26, 1943, has been verified and found to be correct."

Therefore, the statement originally furnished is returned to you for signature if now believed to be correct. To this statement is attached letter of August 19, 1943, in order that you may have the established date on which you will be entitled to longevity pay increase.

Respectfully,

Acting Chief, Appointment Section

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Encls.



Winchester, Virginia
September 20, 1943.

Dear Dr. Sawyer:

Your communication caught up with me after some time, and its contents were duly noted.

I appreciate the fact that the chances of doing much needed work in the Balkans is, for the present, and for some time to come, out of the question, but you can appreciate the fact, that being as familiar as I am with those countries, it would be a pleasure to carry on there, and, in addition to handling new problems that War has brought about, to complete many pre-war plans, that were made for the betterment of those countries.

It is hoped that though nothing can be done at present, I will not be left out of future plans that may be made for work, as my acquaintance with the people, and knowledge of the countries, would undoubtedly prove of value in any program started.

I will appreciate your keeping me posted as to where I may be sent, so as to enable me to make my plans accordingly, as to clothing, etc., and if you consider it advisable, will make the trip to New York prior to the end of my leave, for a detailed discussion. My wife is very much interested as she hopes to make the trip with me, but that is a question that conditions will have to determine. Should she go it would be necessary to have a fair amount of warning, about giving up the house, etc.

Have had a request to report to Washington in the near future to answer certain questions regarding conditions in some of the countries with which I am familiar, and I expect to go next week.

Have thoroughly enjoyed my leave so far as it is a relief to have quiet for a while, and we have lots of that on the farm. With kindest regards to all, as ever

Yours Sincerely,

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September 9, 1941

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is just a line to let you know that the results of your physical examination on September 3 by Dr. Ehrenclou were satisfactory. The findings were much as in previous examinations and there was nothing to suggest that you were not in good health or unable to face duty in the tropics. The only suggestion the doctor made was that your weight should be reduced by thirty pounds. Perhaps this will be easy in China!

Again I wish you a pleasant journey.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. D. E. Wright
Hotel Stewart
San Francisco, California

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[The body of the letter is almost entirely obscured by dense, overlapping handwritten text in cursive script. The text is difficult to decipher but appears to be a personal letter.]

WHEELIN LASHIO WHY NOT STOP WHEELIN, N. S. S. S. S.

SHANGHAI - HONGKONG 6 HOURS - RANGOON - LASHIO 6 HOURS - RANGOON - HONGKONG 12 HOURS

East Indies, in other words the deck had been the



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Me for which there are quite a few things I would like
to have and will need, I am ~~305~~ better off than my compan-
ions.

I have met quite a number of the business officials
and they are counting big on our being able to handle the
major problems.

I have spent a lot of time wondering how you
are all getting on and I would feel sure no one
wishes that you were all happy with my stay going
on in a normal way I could tackle my job better

in a much better state of mind. I realize very well
that in case things do go haywire I am a
long way from base and no one knows how long
it will take to get in touch with me. Of course the Govern-
ment will always be in position to locate me through
the normal office in the U.S.

I hope you have written was through the
address I gave you. I am going to see if I can
manage to get mail sent through the post office
pouch which may be slow but sure.

Get me all the news you can take up when
you write. It might be a good idea to contact the
Worcester Star for local news of interest. You
could enjoy a lot out of articles of interest.

Take good care of your self; all of you and
at next report I want to hear that Sis has gained
weight for a long time.

With lots of love as ever
Wendell

Feb. 26-43

My dear Grace & all:

The real surprise reached me t-day, the package containing cigarettes, tooth brush (the best I have ever seen) Corn plaster (I have had no trouble since I have been using army shoes. In fact my one corn has almost disappeared) The powder will also come in good, although I still have a little left of the Corn you bought me several years ago. I had given up all hope of ever receiving the package at all. There are regulations out there that make it impossible for folks at home to send packages unless a request approved by the area commanding officer is presented to the post master. This it is claimed was necessary due to the shortage of shipping. No doubt it is a good order, but it robs the hope of the satisfaction of receiving something direct from their folks at home. Right now Cigarettes are at a premium due to lack of shipping, but you know me pretty well, in as far as looking a head for the rainy day in as far as food & medicine go, so with your two packages & what I have on hand can stand the tide for quite a little while.

I was very sorry to hear of the accident to Woodrow, for I liked him very much considering the short time we were together. But there will be more & more people affected by similar reports as time goes on. I feel very sad today due to the fact that two of my very good friends have failed to show up, that should have arrived last Tuesday. There were twenty one on the plane. We still have hopes but they are very slim. Such is the fate of

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of man kind, but even more so these days.

I was very much interested in the account you gave of a number of old Cavalites, whose names I had not thought of for years, and the mentioning of their age made it all the more impressive, as it made me sit up and take note of the fact that I am in my sixtieth year. I simply don't seem possible. It would give me a big kick to have a first hand report on what the years have done to my old friend Geo. Ruggles, by all the rules he should be a crabbled old tatcher, but I hope he is the same jolly old fellow he was thirty odd years ago.

A letter reached me a few days ago from Anna K. and can understand why she was slow about answering my letter, for she has sure had her hands full with her own family, but it seems that only one of her boys, have been pulled into the army so far, for which she is no doubt thankful. I think one of the craziest things that many of the boys have been and are doing is to make a quick marriage, and pull out for parts unknown, and in a short time get word that a baby is on the road. I have run into many that are the fathers of sons and daughters that they have never seen, and quite likely will never see. I do not think it is fair to any one concerned, and sure causes a lot of homesickness.

Your V letters have been arriving very quickly and always enjoyed, the only kick is that they can not be made long enough on one page, of course it is possible to include two, if there is

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sufficient mess.

I am in just about as much of a quandary as ever about when I might get home. We all feel the tension in the air over here and think that some thing big is not very far off. And of course would hate not to be on hand when the big shot comes off, in spite of our desire to get back to the folks at home. I think more out of two men one must feel the same way. They want to come home but at the same time want to see this job through so long as they feel that they can play a part of value in what takes place. We get reports from time to time of a tightening up of regulations at home and are glad that the clear conscience of the job ahead is being impressed on the people as a whole, as it makes every one work harder.

Am very glad Dan likes his work. And want to congratulate him on his promotion. He will make the grade all right, if he keeps plugging, but I often smile when I think of what a toll he has to keep on himself to keep from throwing up under military regulations, but the experience may be good.

Tell Sis to keep a hold on her self and not get off the track, she may be able to make those that have said she belongs to the company, by the class eat their words.

No word yet from Roy, but guess he is too busy to write these days. Did you get the man Clark to roof the house? And what material were you planning to use?

Has an idea you will have heard from Dr. Stork by this time. Will keep a stiff upper lip and the garden growing I may get him to help harvest the crop. Love Ed but wishes to all
Dad

March 5-43

My dear Grace & all:

Your letter of the 15th of Feb. reached me today which is not bad time considering distance, conditions etc. But we are all hoping that there will be less long lapses of time between mail from now on than there has been with the fact due to the large number of planes leaving the States very day for foreign ports. If you want to see a piece of mail of hope, you should be around when there has been a long lapse of time between mails & it is one of the main excuses given by some for getting on a tarder &

No word has been received from the plane, and the twenty one men that I mentioned last week, I was afraid that my two very good friends are gone for good. But it seems a shame that such is life in this modern war, but it seems different than if they had been killed in battle, for in that case losses are expected to be taken as a matter of course.

My work has kept me close to head quarters for the past two weeks but expect to soon be out on the road again, and I do not mind that, as I hate being tied down to an office messing with paper work, the amount of which keeps me so and in the army, but it makes for a perfect back passing machine, which is indispensable. It is my battle to try and keep our troops from getting measles, typhoid etc. and you can surmise from the papers etc. etc. that they are scattered all over this part of the globe, with long jumps between many of them. So far I have been very fortunate in keeping things to a minimum

in spite of a bad record before the work was turned over to me, but you can well realize that it keeps me as my true trying to keep things from breaking the wrong way, which is what one expects to happen in this part of the world.

I have tried to get in touch with effect, I know he is in the school and Fred have left him a call, but he had again so that we can get together and chat. Have been also trying to contact Faith's boy, but without luck so far, would hate to find the Faiths in N. York and not have direct news for them, if it is possible to contact the boy.

I have found several of the old crowd around here and enjoyed time spent with them, but you know me well enough to know that when I come in from a trip tired, I am not very keen about looking up people and going out nights.

Am not surprised to hear that old Grandmother Mellinger has passed on as she was in her late eighties. It will not surprise me very much if there is not a squabble about the property and bonds that were held in trust for her, as Fred had trouble over Uncle Sam's estate. If I were in his place I would let the Courts settle the matter, and save myself the head ache.

Am sorry to hear that one of the twins married and lost her husband in such a short time, but I suppose it was a question of getting a man, a thing most girls are working for these days, and those poor little devils do not have much future to look forward to.

It was one lot of good to hear that the youngsters are hitting the fall at present at least in good shape, many things will work out all right. I hope nothing would suit me better than to get a letter from you.

[The page contains dense, handwritten text in cursive script, which is largely illegible due to extreme blurring and low resolution. The text appears to be a continuous paragraph or a series of notes.]



Oct. 11-21

My dear Inohe & Juniper:-

Well all things must have and need, & I have just finished up five days of very interesting stay in Honolulu. The first way was rather a nuisance with the amount of luggage I had to take, but so far I have had had reactions though some of the boys had had fears & rather tucked out generally.

Balfour came in Wednesday morning and after a general exchange of news with him, I called up the Governor and he asked me to take to you his pleasure of choosing you the Island, & also asked us to look up of course we were glad to accept, the result being that we are

More of the places of interest, ^{and} learned more
of their history in his company than we could
have gotten by our selves or by the average tour
in a week. I enjoyed every minute of the
time for as you can well imagine this is
a most interesting as well as beautiful place,
which our good Americans appropriated for
a den of thieves people. Most of the appropriating
being done by our good missionaries, who today
are the chief magnates of the Islands or rather
the descendants of our good agents own almost
every thing of value. It is interesting to note
that there are less than fifteen thousand real
Hawaiians left on the Islands, and they are
about the worst off of any of the population.

We visited some of the largest sugar plantations
and refining plants, pine apple farms and
canning plants, one dairy plant with over
seven hundred milk cows, the Dept. of Agriculture,
several hospitals, dispensaries, schools, Gov.
buildings, capitol or rather old royal palace,
park, golf courses, Country Club, Army
and Navy reservations, big underground
hangar for planes and underground storage
for gasoline, ammunition, storage etc. etc.

The old ex-~~man~~ was given the privilege
to go every place, ^{and} seemed to know every
one. On the second day he had me out
I visited his wife ^{and} then I had lunch
with me ^{and} when I brought him into the

told the head waiter insisted
that I let him take charge of the
meal, which was all right by
me ^{and} he served a nice meal.

They are real people and I am
glad that I had the chance to meet
them.

A French taxi man
for some reason better known to
himself insisted that I be his guest
for the day and spend the after-
noon doing the part of the Island
that the Governor was not able to
get me. So in company with his
wife a very charming lady we
put in over a hundred miles of
very interesting travel. He wanted to
top it off by having me join the
for a very fine play at the theatre,
but that was too much ~~to~~ accept

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from an utter stranger, so I declined
with thanks and explained that it was
necessary to get my things together
for the early start we could make
in the morning (call at quarter of five)
write some letters etc but I did
enjoy being with them both very much.
We make the first leg of our
long five thousand miles to Manila
to Moscow, and with good luck should
make it in four days. If the schedule
calls for my going on from Manila
the next morning after landing. Wish
I could have a day or so long
over with Balfour and give Manila

the once over, but will have to wait and do that some other time x

Am still in a jam about my baggage from Singapore but guess there is no use throwing trouble, as it will do no good. Balfour is going to take twelve or fifteen lbs. of my excess baggage, as he is traveling very light, that will make a saving of about forty dollars on the ex. C. r. x

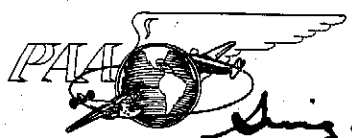
Well I guess that by this time you are well settled in the new nest, and I sure hope things will work out nicely, with every one playing the game x

I am sure Dix is going to get in harness as soon as she can get some good red blood in her veins of flesh on her bones. And I hope Dad will forget a lot of foolishness, and make a real place for himself, not at some distant date, but now x

Dr. Balfour brought me the sad news of the death of Dr. Cronin in New Orleans. I guess he died very suddenly of heart failure about the middle of Sept. He said he was sure it was our old friend, as a message of condolence was sent by the Board of Trustees due to his having at one time been employed by the Foundation x I was sure going to get the news x

I will try and drop you cards from our stops on the way x
With lots of love to all as ever Dad.
You might send me a clipping letter to Dad.

My dear
from
D. J.



Singapore
Oct. 17-41

My dear Grace & youngsters:-
well to-day

we reached Singapore after five
days of arduous sailing as we
could fish for but I am thoroughly tired
out, due to the awful hours we had
to keep, we had to get up every morning
at 3:30 and it was not easy to sleep
on the plane due to the elevation we
were flying better than ten thousand
feet all the time and it made breath-
ing difficult but we made very
good time and had a good look
at the thousands of birds that
nest on the island. There were
not so many on Midway.

My man was very interesting at
Balfour and I made a trip over
a good bit of the island by
in an automobile that was of the
vintage of about 1920 but we
got out of it before we were going and

back again. The plane rode like a passenger train
on a good track except for the noise of course. The meals
were good and we had quite a number of bridge games
& help kill time, but I am still more than convinced
that to enjoy a trip it should be made on a big boat
where it is possible to walk around when you feel
like doing so. The best thing that can be said is that
it is quick. It is just a little over thirteen thousand
miles to this point and I have several thousand more
to travel, am taking a Dutch plane from here Sunday
for Rangoon and then to Sashio and plane from there
to Chungking a point I should reach in about
five days. Billford staid in Manila and expects
to leave for Hongkong in a few days and go from there
direct to Chungking where I will join him. It
was nice that we could be together on the trip and
I had about six hours with him in Manila, as we
made it in there rather early yesterday and his
car met us at the landing point. I was very
much interested in the drive around the city and
had a chance to see the most interesting points.

It is a rather interesting city but very much on the
tropical order and in general appearance like many
we have seen in other lands, but I am sure you
would like it, with its flowers, tropical trees, fruits
etc. etc.

Singapore is also a very interesting looking place
so far as I have seen from the air but the part I have
seen on land but it like Manila is hot and mucky
The same old tropical sticky feeling. It only takes

a few minutes to sweat a collar
down.

Who do you think I ran into this
evening in the hotel? Dr. Struck he
had just gotten in from Moscow
by a bomber and is heading back
to the States via Australia. He
reports having had a most inter-
esting trip, but says he is glad he
is on his way home as he thinks
Moscow is doomed, but also thinks
the Russians will fight on if they
can get supplies to keep their army
going. He says he would not
take any thing for the experience.
There are four other members of
the Commission with him. Red
Cross and social service workers.

We will have lunch together & must
when he has promised to tell me
the story. There seems to be plenty of
life in this town, with so many
soldiers, sailors etc. but I am
going to turn in early and try to
catch up on some of my sleep.
To be ready for my next day

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hop for as I said before I am
just about worn out. Would
like to give you more of the details
of my trip, but will wait until
another time.

So far your plan for carrying
my equipment has worked out
OK but I have several hurdles
to jump yet before I am out
of the woods. And red tape these
days is the mischief. The English
have been very nice to our Commission
here and I hope the same will
hold for Burma, but Time will
tell and it is still a long way to China
interim.

It seems ages since I left
San Francisco and I miss you
all very much, for as I said in
my last letter I enjoyed our
stay and trip together. I hope
you are all getting along nicely

And that you are getting adjusted
to the new place & I think you
will like it there and get in the
general routine of things.

Tell Sis I miss her good coffee
of mornings and after dinner
of her pottering about in the
kitchen working on the dishes
etc. etc. Hope she can soon get
some work to do that will keep
her busy and interested.

Suppose Dan is still procrastinating
about getting in the swing
of things but hope it will not
keep up for if he gets over his
fright and takes the bit in his
mouth he will go places, the
first step for him has always been
the hardest.

Will let you hear from me again
for Sashia, I hope I will have
some word from you all.

With lots of love and kisses as
ever Dad.

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Oct. 29, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Wright:

I met Dan in Singapore and he asked me to telephone to you if I passed through San Francisco. My plane went to Los Angeles instead so I'm mailing his letter to you and writing this note in lieu of a talk.

We met at Raffles Hotel and were together there for about 24 hours. He looked fine and was in good spirits but feeling hot, as were all of us. You feel like bathing every two hours in that place. I saw him off on the Dutch

plane that will carry him to
Rangoon.

My own journey has been
an unusual one. Around the
world in a bomber! Tomorrow
we reach Washington thus
completing the loop.

Please remember me to
members of your family and
with kindest regards,

Sincerely,

George V. Strod

Changking China
1941-41

My dear Grace & youngsters: well I am at last in
China's new Capital and it is one of those cities
that one not having seen it, could spend months
trying to imagine just what it is like ^{and} to dare
say they would not make an accurate guess
in that first place the one hundred and
thirty six and more bombings ~~miss~~ ^{miss} ~~erminated~~
have made a shambles of the place,
but in spite of this fact the Chinese
are just as busy doing business as
usual. The day after a bombing workmen
are at work erecting temporary buildings
and trying to dispose of their wastes etc.
and at the same time try to get a roof
over their heads to provide a place to sleep.
I do not think there is any doubt but what
this is the only city in the world that has
enough bomb proof tunnels to accommodate
every man woman and child with most of
their worldly belongings. Every one goes to
sleep 7 nights with their bags packed and
their clothes laid out in such a way that

they can get in them in the dark and be prepared
up to make a run for the dug out. It has
not been so long since the inhabitants were
required to spend their hours at one stretch
in the shelter. But there is one out standing
and remarkable thing and that is that in
spite of all of the terrible things the people
have had to endure their spirit is high
and they seem cheerful and optimistic about
the future.

You would have had a big laugh if
you could have seen me making my official
call on the American Embassy for a
Sedan Chair. This city is built on
two hills on either side of the Congo
river and there are four hundred steps
down to the river and four hundred plus
steps from the river up on the other side.
I did not want to use the Sedan Chair
and did not think for a minute that one
would tell me or that three men could
possibly carry me the distance, but
it was ordered and I made the trip, but
it is only fair to say that I was scared
stiff and I figured on the chances of the
palls breaking or the harness slipping off.

the men nearly every minute & that
their feet would slip out from under
them. ^{and} it is hard to describe the thrills
of that trip. The men that carried me were heroes
it was claimed ^{steps} that I was the heaviest man
that had ever been carried up ^{down} those
those steps.

There is one thing sure and that is that
I would never have been able to make the trip on
foot, or at least it would have taken me about
a half day to do it. The night I landed in
Changkung on the plane I walked up ^{and}
just about ruined my leg that I snapped
the tendon in many years ago.

I was ever surprised when I called on
Gen. M. Douglas to find that he was born
and raised in Woodstock Va. ^{and it goes without}
saying that I think he is a fine fellow ^{and}
that we had mutual acquaintances.

We have met quite a number of the Chinese
officers and are due to meet quite a number
of others before getting started on our real
job which finds me very much in mind of
Parana with its endless jungle swamps
etc. etc. I have only been in a small section
of the work so far, but enough to let me

Nov. 6, 1941

know that it is going to be a real man sized job, to try and make it possible to carry on the work with two hundred or fifty thousand men and not have them down with malaria. It looks like one of those impossible things and I would like to have about twenty years of my shoulders before tackling the job. I am not going to attempt to describe the different kinds of people in this part of the world in this letter but will feed it to you in subsequent letters but take it from me they will take a lot of describing. I have no idea when I can hope to hear from you all but hope you will keep the letters coming regularly for me that way when they do start reaching me they will be coming more or less regular. One of the Officers has been here two months with you and from his home. All I can hope is that you are all well and getting along nicely. As I stated before should it be necessary to reach me it could be done through the Surgeon General's office. I am my best to all of the family in Cal. and those you wish to be in. I am going to try to send this letter through the pouch of your things with lots of love and care. Dad

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
C/O COMFORT

IMPERIAL HOTEL
NEW DELHI

May 20 - 4 -

My dear Max:-

Since my last letter written
a week ago I put by Balfour things have
taken another turn. It looks now as if my
chances of getting home for some time to
come are very slim. The Army has been
or less strong but we for some time and
I have been from the task of arranging
the various Camps in the country and of
making a report on malaria etc. etc. I
still hope that once this is done my
recommendations made that we may
be able to get away for home.

They have offered me a chance to take
out another ten thousand dollars for
life insurance policy but only on
condition that I cash in the present
paid up one I have. This policy has
a cash value of about six thousand
five hundred dollars and I am
furthering the condition that it be
deposited to some account of my own
if it goes through I think you would
use the money to pay for my health

If one debt to the bank as possible, we will not
have enough to clean up every thing with them
but there will not be so much left. It may
be that you will be required to purchase the policy
and sign its release & it is in our safety box in
Windsor. The key to the box is in your possession
or in the little drawer of the Wardrobe trunk out
on the farm & I hope things can be arranged
so that you will not have to make the trip to
Virginia & am writing to Mr. Gillette to handle
the matter for me if possible and to verify you
if he succeeds. The new ten thousand dollar
policy is very cheap for my age, and I think I should
take advantage of the chance to take it out.

Am writing this in a hurry as have just received
orders to start on a three thousand mile trip to various
parts of the country, so will not attempt a descriptive
letter. You do not know how disappointed I was at
not being able to head straight home, but was
wax and if I can do something to help, will it so
much the better & I would feel much more
content if I could hear from you all, and know
that you are well, and reasonably content. I have not
had a word since you left California, and it makes
me blue.

I am glad to say that all of our party were able
to get out of China safely, but we are lost less than
fifteen lbs. on the sledge, it was strenuous.

going x
Write me to the following
address.

Lt. Col. D. E. Wright
American Medical Mission
Hotel Imperial.

A. P. O. 886 Delhi India
of Postmaster Part of embarkation
N York City.

This should reach you in a compar-
atively short time from date of
sending x

I will continue to try and keep
in touch with you all, but I
lost the Florida address so have
to send my letters of Florida until
I can hear from you.

With lots of love and best
wishes as ever.

Dad

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Jan. 2 - 43

My dear Grace & all:

As well as has been the case for many years my first message of the new year is to you all and I hope that the next one that rolls around will find us all together for mutual greetings.

Xmas. & New Year were both about as quiet with me as they could be. Our mess gave an egg nog party Xmas evening Jan 7 to 9 P.M. that was very nice and we had quite a number of the brass hats present and every one seemed to have a very nice time. On New Year the Commanding General gave a reception party & members of staff of the different outfits which was very nice and gave one the chance to meet different officers in key positions.

On New Year eve our mess gave a party for some of the messes, but we were only able to enroll six for the number of our mess as nature late in making requests for the number we needed, and you can imagine that American girls are scarce articles over here, but it was all right by me as I do not care very much about parties and would much rather have a good bridge game or poker party, but the six girls that showed up were very nice and seemed to enjoy themselves. There was one girl in the crowd from Virginia, Roanoke. She was rather on the dumb side, but no doubt a good nurse. The other five were from Phila. and three out of the five were close to being fat Dutch girls.

I was disappointed that the Xmas package you mentioned having sent did not ~~of~~ had not arrived. I am afraid that it is feeding the fishes as many others before it have done. It seems that the problem of handling the subs is one that we are a long way from being able to master as yet and it seems to some of us

that there is little satisfaction in turning out hundreds
of boats, loading them with valuable cargo's only to have them
sunk to the bottom of the ocean, but the paradox that he should
know what they are about x

I wonder what you all did to amuse your selves x was
and new years. Hope the store of you were to get some and had a drink
to all over and had a silent one to each of you. It will be
interesting to know if the Boyers were able to get down
but I don't know. I don't think with labor conditions
they are. Am sure that they had the same of these
like wrestling with the boys. I don't think he had get down
the reason he is with administration. It might have
been hard for him to get the necessary gas for the
trip even if he could find some one to look after things
for him. We heard over the radio that all pleasure
cars were banned for an indefinite period x

It would seem that things are tightening up quite
a lot in many ways and no doubt on many things that
are not necessary and much to the disgust of the boys over here
who figure that in good old American fashion we are giving
the belt of every thing away and denying our selves to do it. But
those chain smokers in Washington must keep in the line
right and make a name for them selves regardless. The one
thing we are all hoping is that inflation will not hit the
country and make it impossible to get back to normal if
this war ever ends. We are all enthusiastic over the good
work the Russians seem to be doing and hope that even half of
the reports are true. Our forces seem to be at a stand still
but we may get going some time and come in on the round
up. It may be that we do not need a try in to do a massive
work, even if it takes longer to do the job. So far we have been
and are fighting a proper war, but the right men are slowly
getting in the right places and once that is accomplished
the fire works will start as the rank and file are ready to
go to it and get the business over with. You should hear
the boys express themselves now that a short time back had no
good word for America. It is the only place on earth worth
while to stay in their eyes, we all stagger get a big kick out of hearing
them talk about foreign people & their ways, but you can hardly believe what a problem

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it is to protect the green home against the many dangers lurking on every
corner in this part of the world, but it does give the average man some sense of
appreciation for what he takes as a matter of course at home.
You mentioned that you would try and send me any little thing I may need,
but I do not think of any thing that is necessary as we are staying at home
every thing to a minimum. I fear that if I can all get out of here some day
there will be little chance of taking much baggage with me and I do not like
to take these things away. I know I lost many things in
China and left a suit case full in India and now have accumulated
a lot more in this part of the world. I must say that for most
things an X table cure of our needs. Many things in fact that
we could get along with out often I think at the cost of badly
needed articles for the health and well being of the men.
Have you heard anything lately from Sam B. much for us any
of the others, I have heard nothing for a long time. I wrote
Anna Kemp a long time ago but never received an answer.
She may not have received my letter. I suppose her boys
are pretty well scattered by this time, much to grieve

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diequat, as their being away will make it harder for him
to pull in the checkbook during these prosperous times.
Do not forget that I am counting on your paying a
visit to Mrs. R. regarding on the 1st of January, but a
few fellows of the day had just bought their
This friend ~~is~~ has got a very crazy
keep of just biting
She will not get up trying to land some kind
of job and then she gets to take charge of
Methodical way until she gets accustomed to it
She will come out all right.
With lots of love and best wishes for the new year
I all I am as ever Dad

SERVICE OF SUPPLY
UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES
IN

Jan. 27-43

My dear Grace & all:

you not with enclosed clippings dated Jan. 14
has just been received and much appreciated as it was the first
I had heard since the one dated Dec. 14, but almost every one was
in the same fix for it seems that due to urgent demand for space
in planes for articles needed at the front, mail was held up. You turn
I can almost all your mental and nervous state by your writing. When
things are going well and you are in a cheerful mood, there is a very pronounced
need difference in your writing & I have gone to put on my writing
due largely to my pen going haywire and I do not seem able to get
it fixed. And it is not possible to buy a new one at any thing like
a decent price, as every thing in these parts has gone up over four-
hundred percent during the past year, in other words the gippies
are getting rich hand over fist and there is nothing that can be done
about the matter, as a result I simply buy nothing unless absolutely
necessary. Many of the boys that come over here are being taken in by fake
antiques, rugs etc. etc. as they have no idea about a fair price for
articles that are offered for sale. Our P. X.'s keep a fair amount of these
things one needs for day to day like soap, tooth paste, cigarettes,
socks, handkerchiefs etc. They even brought over some officers uniforms
one of which I need very badly but as was to be expected I could not
find one my size they simply are not regular. I have not as yet
received the buttons I requested but am making out with the regular
army ones and have not been called down about it yet & I guess n. g. n. h.
could not find them handy so forgot about the matter. Of course
there is also the chance that they were sent and lost, as was the
case with the package you sent me. Much of my mail was lost
by incorrect address as it has been going to Liddia and about
every place else. You do not seem to be able to get my present address
straight in spite of the fact that I mark it plainly on each envelope.

I had a very nice letter from Fred and he gave me as much of the
news as he could dig up. It seems that he is being kept pretty busy
keeping things together. Fred Jr. has not been called yet but is taking
an active part in home defence etc. etc. Doug is also getting along
very well. I never fail to look over the various units I see for familiar
faces, but as yet have not run into any of the boys from home, but have

not quite a few that know people that I know, and often in the most unexpected way.

I am surprised that Hoffman is laying down on the road, but on the other hand it is not so surprising for he is a gambler and those fellows are my likely to get into it. I think you should get behind him without delay, for the longer it rides the harder it will be to make up and we can not afford to be pitched out of what is coming to us while we are mopping brains and heads & take care of our obligations to others. It seems that this world is full of people that want every thing that is coming to them, but give little concern about their obligations to others.

While you gave no details it would seem from your letter that Dean is out of the service and in some office in St. Petersburg, is my deduction correct? You know I am very much interested in what the boy is doing. And that he is making out for goodness knows he has had hard enough time getting his feet on the ground, and I felt that his army experience was going to be a pretty good stabilizer, for in the army as the rule one either makes good or they don't, and that is that, as there is little chance to shift from one thing to another.

Am going to enclose you a letter from a Colonel that was in charge of our mission to China that I think rather interesting, and it might not do any harm if you forwarded it to Ruth Reed with kindest regards to me, with the request that it be returned to you as I would like to keep it. You could find a good excuse by writing about the buttons.

Things are rather exciting over here these days, but unfortunately I can not write you the details. While I have no illusions about the war ending in '43 I do believe that many very important things will happen this year and I hope they will be in our favor. The Russians are doing the big job and we have a good chance of putting the finishing touches on whatever time comes. There are many unfortunate cases of lack of cooperation but that is to be expected under the circumstances but I for one have great confidence in our President, in spite of the fact that he is heavily capped by getting so much misinformation. And it is impossible to do anything about that. But there is one thing certain, and that is that the fighting of the war is going to be child's play compared to the task of getting the world back on a working basis again, and the problem seems to be more complicated every day. It is hoped that men with brains and vision will be chosen to shape the destiny of things to come. I wish I were young enough to get into the game for there is no end to the number that will be required for years to come to handle the problems that are going to arise, if America plays her part.

Hope you are taking good care of your self these days, and managing at the same time to keep your self well equipped, as that is a sure time consumer. Give my love to one and all and do not let up on your work, for they are always looked forward to. As ever
Dad,

Feb. 17/43

My dear Grace^{and} all:-

Your V letter arrived to-day which was quite good time, but that is not always the case with V-letters due to slow printing in the States, but when one considers the number that must be handled, and some boys have girls that write them every day.

Things are still grinding along over here slow, but I think in time they will prove sure, this will especially prove true if the Russians can keep up their good work. The thing that is gumming the works now is the U-boat but the time will come when they will be under control, at least that is my opinion.

My last note was written just after my return from the front lines, and I was sore in my joint from the pounding I received in the jeep for fifteen hundred miles, but that was soon over with, and am now ready for another siege. The plane is sure the nice quick way to get around, but on the whole I believe I still like the auto as a steady diet in spite of the fact that I have passed the hundred & twenty five thousand mile mark by plane. The whole business is like some people claiming that they like a rough sea voyage, I think they try to fool themselves.

My visit with Dr. Stude was very enjoyable, as we were able to have a real talk fest. I invited him to have dinner with me, and we had a chance to go over many things. He gave me

the low down on West Africa, and talked to my Chief about
 the possibility of getting hold of me for work over there, but
 thank god now he stated there was positively nothing doing,
 as there is too much work to be done in this area, which extends
 all over H's half acre, and may extend further before many
 months. And to tell you the truth I am not looking for
 new fields in which to attempt to establish working force,
 as it is a lot of work trying to get the right man in the
 right place, and get him functioning properly, all the men
 they send over here are green and inexperienced in as far as this
 part of the world is concerned. My years of experience over
 here has proved of great value to me in more ways than one.

Am sure glad that Doc likes his work and is close home, Tell Louis
 to keep up the good work. Am also pleased that Dix is trying her hand
 again, and hope that she will not get discouraged when things go wrong.

Gov Uncle Joe wrote me a very nice letter but I can see that his 87
 years are commencing to show on Louis, but I sure appreciate his
 efforts. Have you heard any thing from "Doc" Cochran lately?
 The old Devil never answered my letter if it reached Louis.
 Had cards from Prof. Gorman and A. C. King which were appreciated.

Dr. Stride has promised to look after my dismemberment for me
 when he gets back to the States, as he goes to Washington two or three times
 a week, if it happens that he did the same thing I am trying to do.

I suppose you find it rather slow some around the house
 alone, but if books are still plentiful there is not much doubt
 but what you make out.

With love and best wishes to all as ever
 Dad