October 9, 1944
Dear mother & dad,

I received 14 letters today, 2 of which were from you, so I have had a very enjoyable evening reading them. You see, every time we move the mail gets delayed here, therefore I expected it when we came over to France.

I am getting along fine, have lots of work to do so am always busy and that's what I like. I had rather be in France than England for that reason. All we did in England was wait for an assignment in France. Had we been able to tour England all we wished while there it would have been much nicer but off course couldn't be away.
from the base long at one time.

In my duties here I have seen quite a list of the result of enemy occupation and destruction and you have to see it to believe. During the first and a fraction years the Germans were here they just completely drained the area I am in, as well as many other places of everything the country has. The Germans simply live at the expense of and live at the expense of the civilian population and now the civilians have absolutely nothing. Again, you have to see it to appreciate it to its fullest extent. There is no beauty here as in England.
at the areas I have seen
anyway. I want to get to
Paris at the first opportunity
I understand that section
hasn't suffered so badly.

We don't get very much
news from the political
front and very little from
the war front at present
as the paper "Stars and
Stripes" hasn't been arriving
lately. If I had known
before I left the U.S. like
I know I would have certainly
brought a radio with me. I
hope they are back on the
market soon so Bobbie can get
me one of the real small
portables which is within
shipping size and weight.
Ruth said in her letter that she was sending me Readers Digest for the coming year which I will enjoy very much. You know I won't decline any offer for one of your fruit cakes for Xmas, so as you requested, I am now asking you to send me a fruit cake for Xmas. I know it will enjoy it just as much as in the past, but your presence will be greatly missed. However it can never be the same when you are not here. I received the money but from Ruth, it took it a month to catch up with me, I
really comes in handy because of the large size adds more time.

I am awfully glad you have had some rain for the crops, there is nothing more distressing than a drought as far as crops are concerned. I hope the rain did come in time to aid in a profitable harvest.

I haven't received the sunglue times as yet so I ask Bobbie to check on it for me. I don't believe the sun a sunglue times in 2 1/2 mos.

I am just fine no complaints whatsoever except I miss all of you. I believe Bobbie likes her work to; that is had her
letters read any way. I hope it is a pleasure to her and doesn’t become more or less an inconvenience. I definitely agree with you that she is wonderful and that makes it much easier for me, to always know that she will succeed in anything she does because of her capabilities.

Your letters are most interesting to me because news of home, the families, and the farm are of most interest to me and that’s just what you give me.

Well close now. Love to you both.

Yours,
November 13, 1944
Dear Mother & Dad:—

Received your enjoyable letter today along with one from Bobbie and one from Helen. What you might call a very profitable day with regard to mail. Helen says she may get out to spend Thanksgiving with you. I know you will be glad to have her with you if she can arrange to come home.

Well I guess the political situation has settled somewhat in the states with a remarkable man running of think. The election was a minor point over here with so much else to occupy our time. The L.P.'s didn't discuss it at all here although I believe quite a few of them submitted a ballot.

I am glad you are having fine weather in the states. Weather here continues to be disagreeable, cool and constant rains. We hear some France the name "Army France" didn't stick around long as far as we can see. We may very well be done any sooner or so far.
I received the box containing bouillon cubes, canned meat, dried fruit, powdered coffee etc and it was so nice of you to send it. We are short right now so I am saving it for any more we might make in the future.

As far as rations here, we are allowed anything we can get, actually this is not a camp as you would think of it in the states, it's really an "command post." We have 2 German radios but they are in the rooms etc. I would like very much a small radio in fact as I wrote before sometimes ago I used one for one that was small enough to slip here. I would like a radio more than any thing now. We get rebroadcasts of all American programs, orchestras, comedians etc and news about every 3 hrs. so we keep very nicely posted on the world situation.

I haven't been anywhere recently but some of the places I've seen are.
UNITED STATES ARMY

Omaha and Utah beaches which is
the scene of 5-day landings, Vologna,
Montebourg, heavy fighting took place
at the time as you know. These are
the only ones I've seen that I can
mention now. I can say this I believe
when we take a town that the Germans
tried to defend all there is left is
just the middle of blasted buildings. I've
seen the results of it.

Not much else of interest at this
time so will close now.

Love to you both,

[Signature]
December 20, 1944
Paris, France
20 Dec 1944

Dear mother and dad:

Well, I landed again this time in Paris. Enjoyed being in London but was glad to get back to the side of the Channel where the outfit is. My commanding officer flew to the outfit 17 Dec and came back with a wonderful Xmas present - 5 liters and 5 packages.

Your letters of Nov 8, 28 were received and one box with package of peanuts, candy bars, sugar, cigarettes and a small package from Bobbie. I am not opening Xmas wrapped packages until New Year's Day. I am saving the totes until then.

I appreciate the box so much and the things you had in it will be used to an enjoyable extent if I can assure you. Thank you so much. Also received Bobbie picture and I think it is perfect. I am really very proud of it and want to have it. I had been waiting patiently, rather impatiently.
for it. I will miss opening these Ymas packages without you around but will enjoy it as much as possible and will look forward to the rest with you.

This is truly a beautiful city in every respect. I think it is much more beautiful than Washington, D.C. I have seen quite a bit of it so far and will see more of it in my travels daily. I wish I could tell you more about my activities, etc. but am denied censorship regulations won't allow to give the names of cities while we are in them except Paris & London. I am fine though, living a very pleasant life, I'd say, over here. Life of course will be glad to get back to U.S.A., the greatest country of them all.
I don't know when I will run into Frank C. or Lacy. I believe I will see them though in the future. I'm always running with someone I know. Our home is a little borne out. However, the Germans are quite persistent, and I believe we will carry out all of the Supreme Command. The weather is awfully muddy, the sooner it freezes the better off we will be. The sun and the cold wind have done much good to us, but it will eventually get warm. Of what I write most, anything you write interests me very, very much. I'm glad the weather there is fine for harvesting crops and hope everyone has a successful year. I know you will be able to use the new S. F. one. That's all I have to say.
the equipment you are handling.
I received a letter from Mr. P.R.
Bawden saying I was elected an
honorary member of the Baraca Class
of the Smell Baptist Church. I suppose
this is an honor I assume you
did not get back and become
member.

Now at this time, I will
write often as I find
time.

If a few letters I answer
wonderful hunch
and like it though.

Of you,
Kendra.
December 27, 1944
Dear Mother and Dad:

Received your letter of Dec 12 and was glad to hear from you and to know you are fine. Guess you are now recovering from all the things you had to eat Xmas day.

Missed them very much. Went back to the outfit for Xmas day, we had the usual ham, turkey and all the trimmings.

I enjoyed opening all the things and eating all the good things you and everyone sent. Still enjoying the roasted peanuts.

It didn't seem like Xmas at all except for opening the packages, however did try to make up for it the next time. I found Xmas in the states. I was certainly glad the packages arrived before Xmas. Thank you so much.

I received 11 packages so I'd say I had over my share of Xmas overseas.

I am glad Mr. Baker is improving and could spend some time with you and know he enjoyed being with you.

France
27 Dec 1944
It is night cold here now, no snow but heavy frost that stays on the ground all day, it doesn't melt even if the sun shines. I like this weather better than all the rest though.

And hope the farmers will save some of the money they are making now because it seems that a depression after the war is inevitable and they certainly will be able to use it then. You really had a tremendous amount of pears this year, they were a pretty good money crop too. I'm glad the storms you had didn't ruin them.

Everything is fine with me, am settled again now for a short time anyway. Hope you enjoyed your Xmas and thought about you so much.

Love to you,

Husky.
January 30, 1945
30 January 1945

France

Dear mother and Dad H,

Received your letter of Dec 25-IJan 14 yesterday and was awfully glad to get them. I had been looking for the one telling all about your Kansas and it finally arrived. First I want to thank you most graciously for the lovely Kansas present. I assume you it is appreciated to no end. You always did give such nice presents anyway. I also received the box of Planters nuts yesterday Dad H-they were delayed some place I guess. Thank you so much for every thing. Bobbie appreciated the gift so much too. I sincerely hope I am with you on the next Kansas day.

You mentioned the robot tomb in London. Well personally I'm
glad to be back on the continent. It's much safer here than in London as far as I'm concerned. These people there are really taking it tough. That's all I can tell you now about it.

I'm glad of the fact that such a successful year. Also glad that people are able to pay some of their old accounts. Hope the new building will make things more convenient for you in the future.

You know it was my 40th anniversary in the army. It has been a rather unpleasant life spent for being separated from fellow members. I hope it has passed the half way mark in that I don't have to more years to go. The sooner we get this over and get back the better all of us feel. And it will be like it. I can't mention what I did in
London except attend a school. I cannot mention anything about activities in Paris or now. I imagine Bobbi told where I was prior to now and a few other things I was permitted to relate. Censorship regulations are still strict.

It is snowing again here, we've had at least 5" on the ground since the 29 last year and it continues to snow in very few days. I hope you are in the midst of being glad you enjoyed Vruss as much as could be expected and again thank you for the lovely gift.

Love to you,

[Signature]
February 5, 1945
5 February 1945

France

Dear Mom & Dad,

Received your letters of Jan 27 and enjoyed them very much. You mentioned the amount of mail I must be getting - I imagine it averages about 2 letters per day from the families & friends I received a V-mail today from little Patry Smith (Dad's daughter) telling me what Santa Claus brought her. I enjoy receiving letters so much and really enjoy writing them.

The weather has been very nice the past few days rained as spring however the mud now is terrific guess it will dry out soon.

We are in Paris on special duty during most of theameron
offensive, we were on the double
about something nothing serious
developed there as you know.
Quite a few bags were lost in
the offensive manner of type.
Park is only a prison, in a
Venus card from Mildred, she
mentioned that was a gift.
I am getting the South Times
and Radical Digest. Heke sends
me the overseas edition of
the Week this.
Haven't seen any of the boys
from Fall of Night as yet, we
probably come within a few miles
of each other many of the. I
will see some of them sooner
or later I imagine. I have
seen quite a few of my V.P.I.
classmates and also fellow
personally in the 71st. Even
Everyone must be glad that
their income tax is figured out.
going to wait until I return
of file mine. Glad to hear
that farming had such a
prosperous year. Hope farming
will be at least somewhat
profitable when Uncle Sam
finishes with me. Because if
still think farming is the
greatest life of all, reaping of
course, all its various hardships.

Would like to see get now, seems
as though he is enjoying the
best of life. Sure fig, he is.

I am fine and hope
things continue nicely with you.

Love to you,

Turbly.
February 9, 1945
Dear Ruth,

Received your letter of Jan 25 and very glad to hear from you.
"Mr Land" doesn't feel anymore tilted in this Duke's chateau than if he were in a flat but although this is quite the place, it's
mean for both to have a place as big as this and I have spent so much money for such an unpractical place. It is beautiful
France is loaded with places like this, they seem to be rather
the things for the upper class.

Received a letter from Bobby telling of the troubles you have with
the fire, damns, chopping up etc. I think you all look on quite a bit
in taking over the house with
to put in that recreation business. Hope you manage O.K. until Bat gets back.

I have been reading about the cigarette shortage over there. We got 7 packs for lunch now, however of smokes a safe match so I got by O.K. I hope you are able to get a few at least.

I was in Versailles a few times but not for long any of them. I did see the palace there but didn’t have time to go in it. Don’t do any sightseeing here, just absconse things in passing. Weather has been very nice during the past week, looks like next week will be more tolerable. I’m starting to notice the change and sitting around is much better.
I was in Paris one afternoon this week. It continues to be an interesting place. The way the "frogs" pedal away on their bicycles all over the place amuses me. They never look where they are going.

Hope you are fine. Take care of yourself and don't work too hard.

Love,

[Signature]
2 April 1945

Belgium

Dear mother and dad,

Sorry I haven't written you recently because I'm sure Babie has told you I do because I've moved 3 times the past month and really haven't been settled long enough to catch up on correspondence. Likewise, due to moving our mail hasn't caught up with us in a couple of weeks now—hope it does soon.

Belgium is a very nice country. I haven't seen too much of it as yet but hope to get a chance to go.
around some room. It is
better than France I think
and looks more like the
states. I was through
Brussels a few times and
it reminds you of New
York.
Thought of you Easter
we had a chaplain and
to conduct services in the
afternoon.
Weather has been cloudy
and damp the past few
days but not too bad, at
least it isn't cold.
War news looks very good
but when the Germans will
be finished off no one can predict. It is true and rather busy now. Seems a
bitter good time of your sickness.

Love to you,

[Signature]
October 21, 1945
Dear Darley—

As usual Sunday nights is devoted to writing to you. By every member of the family, when we see you, Helen has written her compositions. Helen has written her letter to you, and she prepared her letter to you, and she prepared her letter to you, and she prepared her letter to you. She is busy on the orchard project,

and, of course, she has every one else busy too.

Well we are glad to know that you will be home in March.

We were all in a tizzy about your coming for Christmas, and were quite disappointed when the time was changed. But the time will pass quickly for we have so much to do. Building the house so much to do. Building the new rooms, and

and we wish you & Barb to stay with us till you find a place.
to buy or tell you what you want to do. May be you would want to work for awhile at the S. F. C. needs an understudy. Some one to learn the business to take his place in case of sickness or death. They ought to start you out at $20.00 per month. All let you know more about this job later. Of course I know you like a farm, and bothie does too, but hard times it is a bad time to buy— that farm will be cheaper later.

We are getting things lined up for the new building, except someone to dig the basement.

Your Daddy got German prisoners to help with the peanuts digging, and some of the farmers have gotten sailors to help with the harvesting. Hope we can get some help to help with the orchard.

Helen and Bobbie have told you all the news as we'll say Goodbye— cordially Mother R.
November 11, 1945
Nov. 11th, 1929

Dear Kerly -

Another Armistice Day has come and gone! Not much celebrating around here. Mr. Paulette did not preach a Peace sermon.

Bobby has just read your latest letter which tells us that you might be coming home soon. Do hope you do get home for this! I would be wonderful if you could be here.

Helen's orchard is coming on beautifully. Everything ready for planting when the trees arrive. Already 6 peach trees have come.

The basement is most finished and Mr. Jones is ready to start on the two new rooms as soon as the basement is completed. The rooms will be 13 x 20 outside measurements. He went a laundry room and a furnace room in the basement.

Helen is fine now. She sleeps wonderfully now and she looks fine. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Mother Pancy.