

My dear Mrs Waegell-

I received your papers the other day, and I certainly enjoyed reading them. Sometimes I wonder why you are so kind to me, and I'm bewildered that I may not be able to return your kindness. I have many things to write about today, so I'll start right off.

A very good friend of mine, who was transferred down here with me from Pt. Sheridan, had gone overseas, and I feel so sorry for him, that I ~~wonder~~ <sup>believe</sup> the boys in the service shouldn't become attached to one another so closely. His fellow was married early this spring, and after getting married he was transferred down here, and wasn't able to see his wife since, because she lives in Chicago and training was so scheduled, he couldn't get any leaves. This is when we hope & wish that the war would be over soon. Last nite the 442<sup>nd</sup> Infantry was changed over to be known as the 191<sup>st</sup> separate battalion. There are no reasons that I know of for the change, but I imagine, it's because of the need of a complete unit replacement for either the 100<sup>th</sup> or the old 442, who are fighting in Italy. The old 442<sup>nd</sup> received a citation a couple weeks ago for gallant cy, and I'm certainly proud, because in the citation it stated the 100<sup>th</sup> & the 442<sup>nd</sup> Spearheaded attacks for the 5<sup>th</sup> army to Cassino & Leghorn. I hope that the people out on the coast realize that the people that were evacuated had received over 1000 purple hearts, 34 medal of valor, 516 stars, citations, that no other unit has received yet, in this World War II.

Up to date, I was in the Intelligence department for



the weapons platoon of A company. It was very interesting, and I was getting along swell.

Here's the good news I've been saving. I'm going to be transferred this Saturday Aug 12 to Camp Savage, Minnesota, to a Military Intelligence School. I'm certainly happy, and I long for the North, where people are nicer, that is where no racial prejudices are, as open as it is here. And I also think that the cool weather & etc will be heaven. I have three days to get up there, and so I believe I'll be able to see my folks between train time.

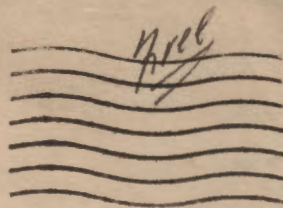
Last week-end I went to New Orleans on a pass & I had a wonderful time. We visited many historical spots, & I really relaxed for the first time. New Orleans is 6' below sea level, so all groves, are about ground. We visited the spacious Mardi Gras ball room, old cathedrales, French Quarters, museum & etc. After looking around New Orleans, it appeared to me, they think more of Andrew Jackson than F. D. R.

I haven't much more to write about so I'll have to say until some other time.

As ever,  
Paul.

P.S. Many of the boys have gone overseas, and some are leaving soon, so I cannot give you the names.

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