

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Dec 20, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

I received a letter from you again today.

The day before yesterday, we had our first combat firing. I had my cartridge belt filled with 10 clips of ammunition. Each clip has eight shells. Then I had two sandbags or web belts slung across my chest. The sandbags has six clips each. Then my pockets were filled with clips. Altogether I had around 30 or 35 clips, each with 8 shells in them.

We advanced thru the woods and when we came to the enemy line (dummies & dummy forts), we opened fire. Boy, we sure had a lot of fun shooting the guns off. My rifle barrel got so hot



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that the wooden part of the rifle started to smoke and burn. I had to let it cool down after that.

I'd like to write more but it's getting so dark it's hard for me to write I'll write about every thing when I get back to camp.

Till the next time

Tom

PS

Some stamps for Pop that I picked up from the boys.

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