

Friday 5:30 PM

Jan 5, 1945

Dear Mom and Pop,

I hope every thing's OK with you. I'm feeling fine.

Yesterday and today, we went out in the woods to chop trees down. Now I can say that I'm an experienced lumberjack. Boy, we sure chopped down a lot of pine trees today. We can cut the tree so we can make it fall just where we want it to fall.

We ride out to the woods in a truck. We work till noon and then we eat lunch. After that, we're supposed to go back to work, but we loaf around until 2:30 or 3:00 and then we saw down one or two trees and come back home at 4:00.

It's really fun out there in the woods. We chop and saw and then take it easy and we start when we feel like it again. We don't have any officers to tell us what to do so it's pretty good.

We didn't have mail call yet so I haven't received your letters yet. I'll probably get two tonight.

I just took a shower and am now waiting for mess call. I'll write more when I finish eating. By the way, our first sergeant said that we may ship out the next weekend. That's around the 13th of January, but it's nothing official. Just a rumor.

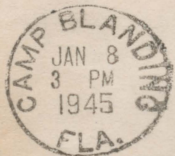
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I got two letters from you today.
I'm glad to hear that you got
my letters, but it's too bad you
didn't get it on New Years.

I'm glad you didn't send the
\$25. by wire because I don't
need it. I sent the telegram
because I thought we were
leaving right away and the
money order wasn't here at that time.
Everything's OK now.

It's getting late so I'll
write more tomorrow

Jack



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