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Thurs 6:35 PM  
Friday

Sept 22, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

We went to the fields or I should say woods today to learn about explosives. We started out at 6:00 AM and stayed out all day. We had hot lunch brought out to us in trucks. We even had ice water and ice tea.

We were out all day today so I didn't get your letter until a half hour ago. I received two of your letters. One had a letter from B-chan. I'm beginning to improve my Japanese by reading his letters.

Today was swell for me. I didn't have to walk back like the rest of the guys because I was called back to the hospital to get fitted for GI eye glasses. We're going to get two pairs. Talking about glasses, do me a favor. I broke one of the lenses of my glasses, so I'll mail them to you to have fixed. Just go to the optometrist and have a new lens fitted to my glasses. I'm enclosing the broken lens too, so the doctor will know what kind to



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put in. The glasses broke off at the corner, so he'll have no trouble finding the type of lens.

Please go to SCHUBACH OPTICAL Co., -  
165 SOUTH MAIN in Salt Lake City, because that's where I went the last time. I'll send the glasses to you soon. Don't hurry because I'm wearing my rim glasses which ~~is~~ is perfectly all right for me.

Today, we went to the explosives class. It was very interesting. Don't worry. I didn't blow anyone up. That's impossible the way they work it. We first made home made hand grenades. This is done by getting a  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound of TNT and inserting a blasting cap and fuse in it. After we made it, we light it in the proving grounds to see how much noise it made. TNT is not dangerous. You can hit it, pound it, burn it, throw it, do anything but it will not explode. To blow it up, a blasting cap is needed.

After we light it, we are supposed to walk away, not run, because we have



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about 25 seconds before it goes off. But everybody runs away after it's lit. It's a natural instinct, I guess. I know I ran. It was a lot of fun watching it. The men would throw the grenade into a ditch filled with water and the grenade would go off. The water and sand fly way up when the grenade goes off. It makes a big noise but is harmless the way they teach you. It's impossible to go wrong. We are, nevertheless, very, very careful of how we handle it. Later we saw land mines blow up. This was a demonstration put on about 250 yds away.

I'm going to the PX with John and Ted now, so I'll finish writing when I come back.

8:00 PM

Just came back from the PX and have wrapped my glasses to be sent to you. You should receive it soon after this letter or before it.



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I hope you received my map of the camp. In your letter today you said that you hoped that I got my slippers. When this letter reaches you, you would probably received my other letter thanking you.

I think I told you that I received a letter from grand father.

I don't know whether I'm going to get a pass this week end or not, but if I do, I'm going to enjoy myself.

I forgot to tell you in the other letter, but sometimes you might ~~not~~ not get a letter from me. In this case, do not worry. It only means that our company went on a hike and that we didn't get back till late, so naturally, I won't have time to write letters. But on all other days, I'll write to you everyday.

Well, this is about it for today.

I'll write to you again tomorrow.

G. A. D.

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