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Monday 8:00 PM

Oct 2, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

Today was a jackpot for me. As you know, I left camp on Saturday so I didn't get your mail for two days. Today I received three of your letters. One had a lot of stamps. Thanks very much. It saves me a lot of trouble. I don't have to go to the post office to buy the stamps.

You asked me that if I needed my knife hat right now, I don't need it.

Thanks for sending me the socks and the candy. The other socks were OK. They fit fine. I have more than enuf' socks and clothes so please don't bother to send me other things unless I ask for them.

There's a rumour going around that we might get our pay around Oct 10, but we don't know if it's true or not. But I sure wish they would hurry and pay us.

Today, I'm a very proud boy. I'm so proud I'm afraid I won't be able to wear the same sized hat again. You see, tonight the half of our company had to go on guard duty. This means that we



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have to guard a certain area for two hours. We only have to serve one guard shift of two hours. We start at 7:00 PM and the first shift ends at 9:00. The second shift goes on 9:00 to 11:00, and so on until 5:00 AM. Well, there were 75 of us, and just before guard duty, the officer of the guard inspects all of us to see that we have clean rifles and uniforms. I forgot to write that after one shift you can go back to your cot. Well, anyway, when the officer inspected us, he looked at everything very strictly. I was so nervous my knees were knocking together when he came in front of me. He looked me over and said something to the sergeant following him, and I was sure that he found something wrong with me. But after the inspection he called out another boy and me and said that out of the 75 men we were the best and that we only had to act as reliefs. This means that I don't have to go on guard duty, and just



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sleep in the guard house for the night in case or emergency occurs.

I forgot to tell you that I received a letter from Grandpa and Bill Webera. Bill said that his mother wanted you to visit her sometime.

Grandpa wrote to thank me for the letter I sent him.

The weather here is still hot but I noticed that in the mornings and evenings, it's getting a little cool.

You know that Ted has two of his front teeth missing don't you? Well, last week Shiro Uramoto asked him when he was smoking his pipe, if he could move his pipe from one side of his mouth to the other. Ted said sure he could and started to move it over but when he came to the front of his mouth the pipe just fell plunk on the floor. That was funny but then right after Shiro said that Ted sure would leave a funny groove if he took a bite ~~of~~ out of an apple and it



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was so funny that we laughed until
our sides ached. It's a good thing Ted
is a good natured guy because we kid
the heck out of him and every body in
general.

Well, I'll write to you again tomorrow

Tad.

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