



UNITED STATES ARMY

Oct 11, 1944

Wednesday 9:30 PM

Dear Mom and Pop,

I received your letter of Oct 9 today. You wrote it on Sunday but it left the on Monday.

We were out on the rifle range all day again. Nothing much different from yesterday. I brought home some empty shells (again to send back to Freddy or the kids) if they want it.

In the afternoon, we fired from the 500 yard line. Boy, at 500 yards the target sure looks small. We had our preliminary rifle course finished today and I made the sharpshooters score. You have to get 80 men's points to qualify. Late on, ten were picked to fire the first record shots from my platoon. Out of fifty men, ten were picked out and naturally, I was one of them. These ten had the highest score in the 2ND platoon. We fired eight rounds at 500 yards and I made a 32 out of 40. That's pretty good at 500 yards. This places me in 4th place out of 150 men.

Boy, my pocket book feels pretty heavy. As you know, I got paid last.



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night (\$47.20) and I still have that \$25
you sent me so I'm pretty well off.

The weather here is getting ^{ble}. The
past two mornings, the weather was pretty
cold. In the night I sleep with a blanket
and comforter. Before just a sheet or blanket
was enough. I think we're going to get
a little coal stove in our hut pretty
soon. We got a bin for coal today. The
stove is a small pop-bellies kind.

I still have to shine my shoes and
take a shower so I'll close this letter.

Yell tomorrow,

Jack

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