



UNITED STATES ARMY

Tuesday 9:30 PM

Nov 11, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

I didn't receive any letter from you today so I'll probably get one tomorrow. One or two anyway.

We went out to the fields to fire the heavy 30 caliber machine gun today. We walked out around 5 miles, but coming home we rode on trucks all the way back; to our front door.

Out in the fields, we were given certain targets to hit, as a old automobile, or a log cabin or a trench. Most of the targets were out around 500 to 700 yards. After we got the orders from the officer, we would fire on the targets. We can see where the bullets go because every fifth shell is a tracer bullet. You can see a tracer because the bullet burns as it flies thru the air. You probably saw in the news reels of air planes shooting tracers. We all had powerful field glasses too, to see where the bullets hit. All in all, we all had a lot of fun.



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After dinner tonight we cleaned the machine guns that we fired. After that, we went to the PX to get some ice cream and something to drink.

We are going to have a party tomorrow night for the platoon that had the highest score at the rifle range. Our platoon lost, and so did the first platoon, therefore, the third platoon won. We're going to have sodas, cookies, sandwiches, and beer for those who want it. You'd be surprised to find how many of the guys that don't drink on our company. There's only around 10 men that drink. All the rest is like me, soda water. You don't drink either, he doesn't even drink coffee.

I guess I'll read a little now so I'll write more tomorrow

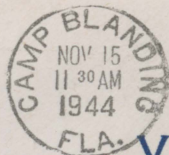
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