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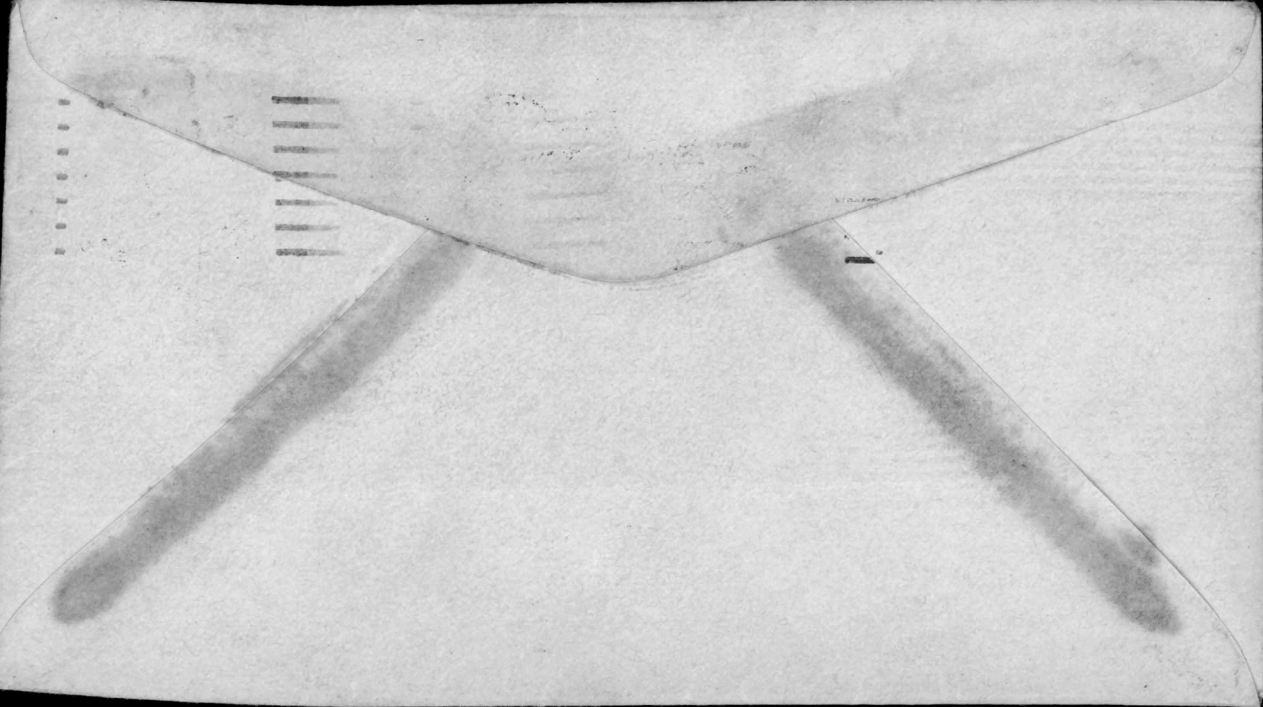
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7 MILES TO DOWNTOWN ST. PAUL

AN ACTIVE U. S. ARMY POST
SINCE 1819

FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

9-12-13.

Dear Mother & Dad

I'll warn you before hand
that this won't be a very long letter.
There really hasn't been much to
write about as yet.

We have received all our
clothing and our first set of shots.
We are now in a shipping co., and
will be sent out any day. Our orders
come from Omaha so we don't
know when or where we will be
sent. Personally I hope it will
be soon because I don't have
very much love for this place.
Maybe that is just a throw-back

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from the C.C.C.

Yesterday reminded me of the C's
too, because we were on N. P. for
fourteen hours, and no time off
either or overtime & nobody gets
it but I hope it doesn't come too
often!

How is everything? I forgot those
shells, gun and rod and reel, so glad
you can go over to the ~~the~~ house
and get them. If I'm here long
enough maybe I can get off for
a weekend and get some hunting
in. I hope so but I'm not
planning on it.

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FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

I have asked "Sda" to send me
Don's and Russ's address so will you
call her and give her "Don's" address.
She has Russ's. From the looks of
things I'll have quite a bit of time
to write from now on until we leave
here.

I have to hurry with this so I
can get it in the mail, at least I
think there is mail leaving to night.

Love,

Lee.

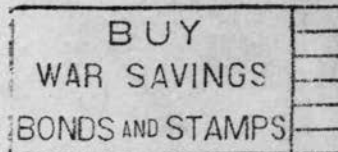
Hullo - Jane and Elaine how is every-
thing.

Post. Leslie E. Anderson - 37575511

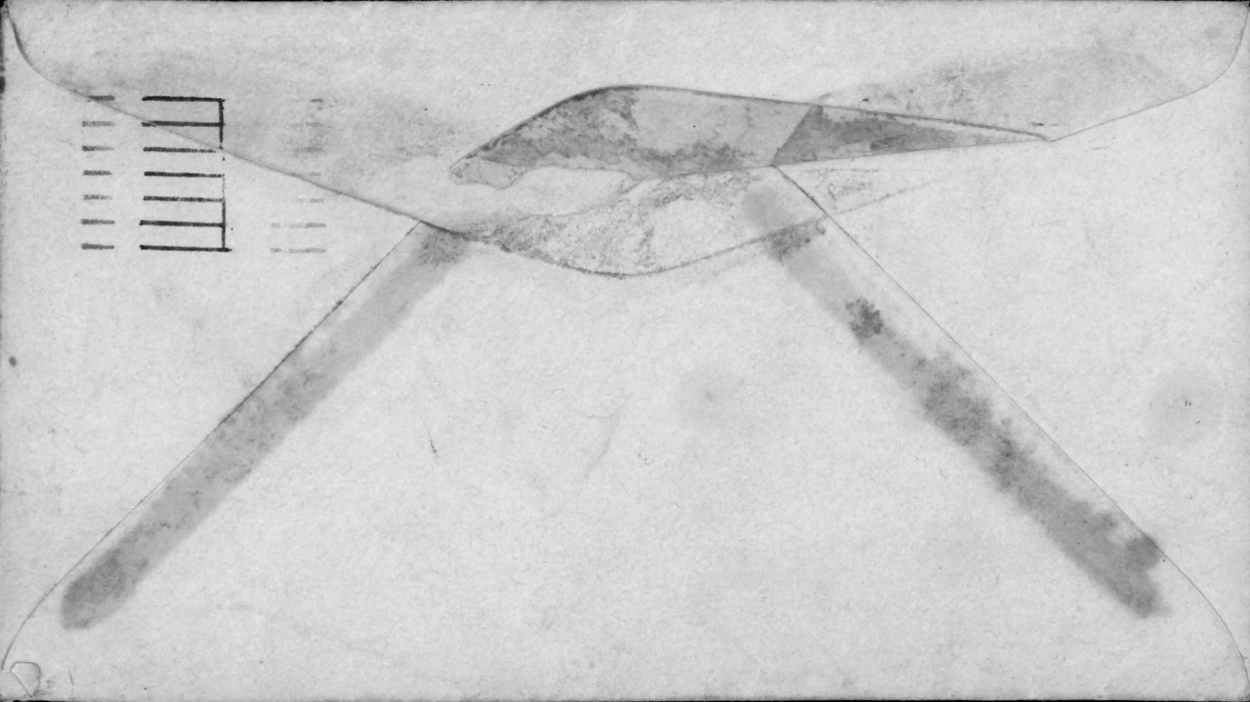
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Camp Dodge, Iowa



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UNITED STATES ARMY

9-26-43

Dear Mother, Dad, Jane & Glendy

From what we can gather from the "Latrine" rumors we won't have much time this coming week to do any writing, so thought I'd better get this off while I could. We arrived in Des Moines this morning at 8:15 and were in camp around nine. The trip here wasn't the best but the camp is good, and everybody stationed here likes it. From what they tell us though we will only be here for four weeks. Where we go from here nobody knows. Four weeks of basic are given us here. The funny part of it is nearly every one here is a former office worker, accountant, man in the loan business etc. What they have in store for us is something we will have to wait and find out after the four weeks are

up.

Des Moines isn't such a big city although it does have street cars. One runs right out to Comp. I have seen a few "wacs" and we were told that if a "wac" ^{who was an superior,} met us in town and told us to go out with them we would have to. woo!! woo!! That is supposed to be taken as a joke, and any way most of them are getting up in years or are homely. That is those I've seen.

I suppose you have talked to Ida already, and she has told you she was at the station last night. I'm glad she came otherwise I wouldn't have been able to see her. I found out Friday night where I was going.

I wrote to "Rus" & Don to-day too - that is besides writing to "Ike", so this makes my fourth letter to-day. Who said I ~~don't~~ ^{don't} write letters.

Love,

Les.

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Sunday Afternoon

Dear Mother & Dad,

I started a letter to you early in last week but never had a chance to complete it. Last week was kinda rough so we didn't have much time to ourselves. Tuesday we started out at 7:30 P.M. with full pack for a seven mile overnight hike. It was raining and with the wind blowing it was kinda chilly. Just like duck hunting with out the ducks. He come back about midnight because the officers thought it was too bad a night to be out in. I've already lost twelve pounds and I can tell the difference. Soon I'll have my boyish figure back again. x x x x x Hoping I can lose about ten



more from the front. During the transition from softness to hardness I'll probably lose plenty but I'll gain it back.

What do you think of the deal "Ske" got on the car. I think she done better than I would have done, and am well satisfied. The amount we got for the car is \$18.00 more than I paid for the car in 1940. I'm glad we were able to get rid of it because it was just about due for a overhaul job and after this thing is over with it wouldn't be worth very much. The are going to save that money and put it on a home, but again we will have to wait until this thing is over with.

So some still has notions about getting into something else. Tell her



to lay off the "Wacs." Those five seem really take the cake, and I have yet to talk to a soldier who has any good words for them. Her best bet is to stay where she is and salt away what she can.

I received letters from both "Russ" and "Lon" last week. I intend answering them this afternoon if at all possible. Sundays are the only days we have that we can call our own so they are pretty well filled up with letter writing and by the way doing our own laundry. That way we don't have to worry about getting any "Wac" shirts.

This will have to be all for this time.

Love

Lee

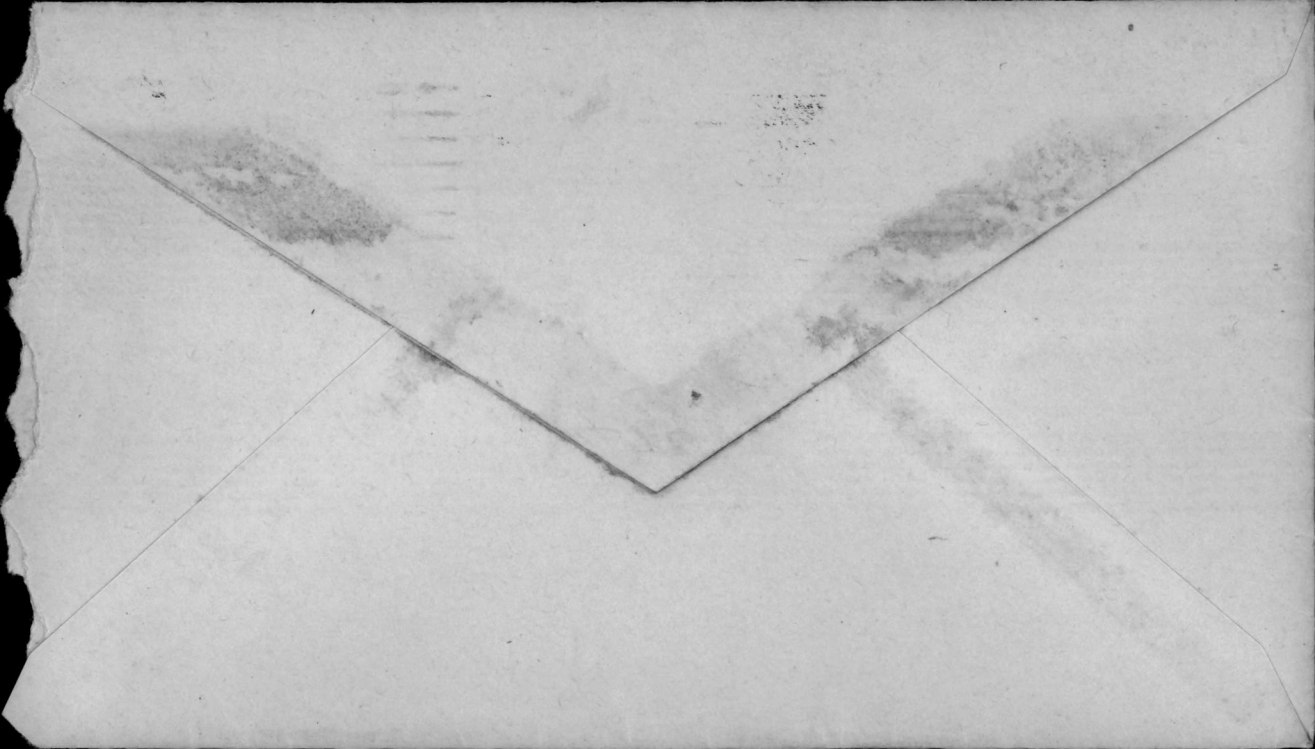
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Dear Mother, Dad & Lorne,

I didn't mention Elaine because no doubt she is on her way or in Texas by now. I hope she has a nice trip and hasn't get too scared on the way.

No doubt you have wondered what has kept me from answering your last letter. We all thought that we would be sent out of here last Saturday or Monday. I had planned on writing from my new address, but the way it looks

From what Sda told me over
the week-end you have had your
share of snow. He had a little one
day but that has disappeared and
the last two days we have been wearing
only our shirts with our pants of
course.

I received letters from both "Russ" and
"Don" but have not answered them yet
for the same reason I didn't answer yours.
They both are still the same and Don
said he and Malley were planning on
taking a trip to her Mother's.
Things here haven't changed any

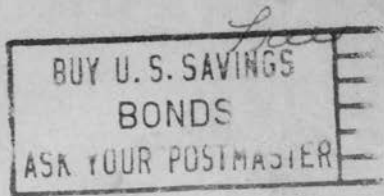
we may be here for some time. There are
only fourteen out of the two hundred of us
left that took hair to-gether. Those that
have left - a few went to the medical
corps and the rest went to the M.P.'s either
guarding German and Italian prisoners
or stationed in some city. Personally I
don't care much for the M.P.'s but if
that's what I'll have to do guess
I'll do it. It seems though that if we
were going to go into that, they would
have sent us with the rest. These days
we do very little and some days go by
and we have done maybe an hour's
work. You see here there is no
such thing as man-power shortage.

since the last time I wrote so much
is scarce. Maybe next time I write I'll
be someplace else. Tell them

Love

Yes

Put. Leslie E. ANDERSON
Hdgs. Detachment Dist. #3
RECREATION CAMP
FOREST PARK
St. Louis, Missouri



Mrs. O. H. Anderson
Box 415
Crofton, Minnesota

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Rev. Leslie C. Anderson
M.P. Detachment
Forest Park
St. Louis, (10) Missouri



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Mr & Mrs Oscar H. Anderson
Box 415
Orontov, Minnesota

Our stay at Oakland indefinite, so make
plans accordingly. Letter with details
follow. Nothing serious, so don't worry

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Wednesday Night.

Dear Mother and Dad,

I'm finally getting to the time when I can say I'm caught up with my letter writing. No doubt "Ada" has told you where I'm stationed and what branch of the service I'm in. It is something I have more or less made fun of but from now on it will be business. From what we have been told it won't be any picnic riding trains but there should be a lot of good things about it. Practically all our work will be riding trains in about five states including Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, and

Forest Park is located in the middle of St Louis and the camp in some respects is better than Dodge and Snelling and in some not so good. The other night another fellow and I went to one portion of the city and it is really good sized. One thing though the weather here isn't as warm as one would think. It was five below here this morning and this cold really penetrates. We have to get up ~~at~~ and be out by seven thirty for an hour of exercise and drill so we get the benefit of these chilly mornings. There really isn't much more

Oklahoma. We have no army mess hall here but are given a dollar eighty ~~and~~ a day for meals and an additional 40¢ a meal while on trains. We are also given two dollars a day for rooms in case we need them while away from camp. Our job will be to check all service men in regard to passes and furloughs and in case they are A.W.O.L. to bring them in. Just think Bill and I can speak the same language when I get back, but I think this will be a little tougher at times than he has it. We will ride the same train for fifteen days and then our schedule will be changed.

to write about, but as time goes
on maybe I'll have some interesting
things to write about. I did see
one that I nearly forgot about. Have
you ever seen a man wear pearl ear
rings. I did the other night. Maybe
that is an old fashioned idea. Is it?

Love,

Les.

Wednesday Night

Dear Mother, Dad, Dore & Elaine,

First of all I'll thank all of you for the X'mas presents. They were all things I can use and I will make good use of them.

Everything here is about the same with the exception that I'm on a steady train run now. The will change every fifteen days. For the first half of January my partner and I go to Newport, Arkansas, and we have already made two trips down there and start on our third one at mid-night to night. On this particular run we have every other day off as we are on the run around twenty hours. It gets kinda tiresome being on the train that long but it is also interesting as we meet quite a few people and then of course we see a little of the country. Did Dore go by way of Kansas city or how did she go. The train I'm on at the present goes into Texas and also comes back from there. If you ever want to get looked at go

to Newport as the people just stare at you as though they have never seen a stranger before.

Had a letter from Sam around X'mas and he, Russ and Mally spent some time together. From what he writes he is kept pretty busy. Haven't heard from Russ for quite some time. Maybe I owe him a letter, but I'm sure I wrote last.

So, Butters are giving up the Merritt and maybe the Louie. Didn't they do a lot of building at the Louie recently or am I thinking of some other mine. That will make a lot of men shift jobs or else go where the company wants them to. No doubt Inland Steel has had quite a few of the Merritt men over applying for jobs.

The weather here for the past few days has been far from nice as it has snowed and rained. ~~Together~~ Ditch all the soot it has been pretty messy on the streets. Today it has been blowing and has dried the ground up a lot. I think I'd still prefer the snow and cold to the winters here and what I've seen farther south.

You said that Russ won't be getting a furlough for a while yet. When I write to him maybe he will know about when to expect it and I'll try to get one at the same time. Here they will start giving furloughs out either the last part of this month or the first part of next. The older men get their first and then the newer ones. I will have one coming after February and will try to get it when ever I can.

It is time to start cleaning up and getting dressed to go out so guess I'd better close. Tell everybody hello.

Love

Tex

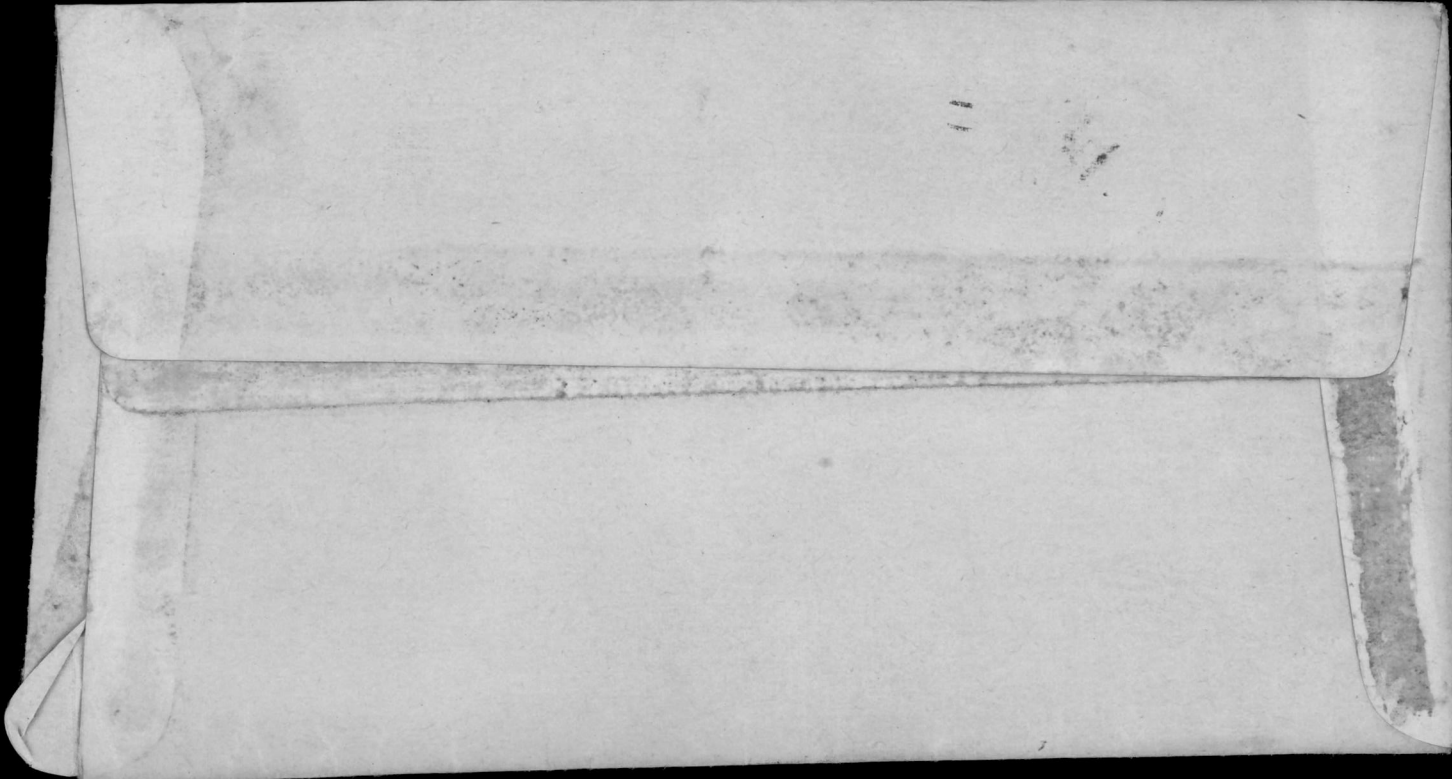
P.S. Don't send letters to me by "air mail" as I believe they come by train anyway.

Priv. Leslie C. Anderson
M. P. Detachment
Forest Park
St. Louis 10 Missouri



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Mr. O. D. Anderson
Box 415
Orion, Minnesota



Thursday Night

Dear Dad & all,

You asked me how riding trains was. So far it hasn't been so bad although it is rather tiring. Now what is going around now maybe it won't be riding trains very much longer. A circular is supposed to have come from Washington stating all men who pass over-seas requirements will be ready for shipment by June 30th. With those requirements you are supposed to have a year service in the army, but from what I know of the army they can easily disregard that. It appears to be a general shake-up in the method of distributing men. The rule, when we are transferred, be re-classified so our chances of getting into some other branch are pretty good. Here I thought I was through with that damn marching, but if we are given more training that is what we will get. I over-heard the Captain talking to one of the fellows who will be transferred in a couple weeks if he had a year in the army so maybe they will adhere to that ruling.

The weather here has been swell and

I would say that it was about seventy to day. It sure seems funny not to have any snow, as I would gladly take that to this climate. The people that live here say the rainy spell is just about due and I guess it is drizzling all the time then.

So Butlers are going to cut down their operations on the Cuyuna Range. Going to work for the Evergreen instead of for Butlers at Narkewank seems to be a good idea. After this thing is over with there will, no doubt, be a lot of idle mines.

Glad to hear that you won the first half in the bowling league. Who are you going to have for a rooster now that Irene Skennick has gone. She always watched that scare sheet like a hawk. I hauled three games myself the other night and averaged about 180. There are a lot of alleys here, but as a rule they are all taken up by league bowling. From what I've seen of the bowlers though they don't appear to be very good, especially in a city this size. If I'm here this summer I'd like to see some big league hall, but no doubt that isn't what it used to be with so many in the army. They have some boxing and wrestling matches here but after seeing one I didn't think it was worth

the time going.

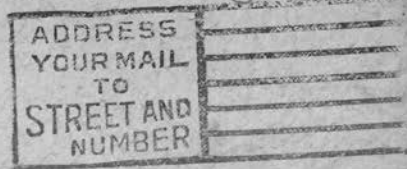
Mum here is scarce seeing that I go down town so little and then I have to get my clothes changed and draw my little al shooting iron from the supply room as we go out at midnight, so maybe I'd better bring this to a close. Still going to Newport, but will get a change the 1st and will go to Terre Haute, Indiana till the 15th. They can have all of Arkansas they want as I wouldn't live there under any circumstances. Between the darkies and the ignorant whites they can keep it. There is a woman from Texas who runs the U.S.O. at Newport and she said when they first came to Newport the people wouldn't have anything to do with the soldiers as they were considered outsiders who didn't belong there. The army has an ~~an~~ airfield right out of Newport.

This is all I can think of at present so if any more news of interest comes up will put it in my next letter

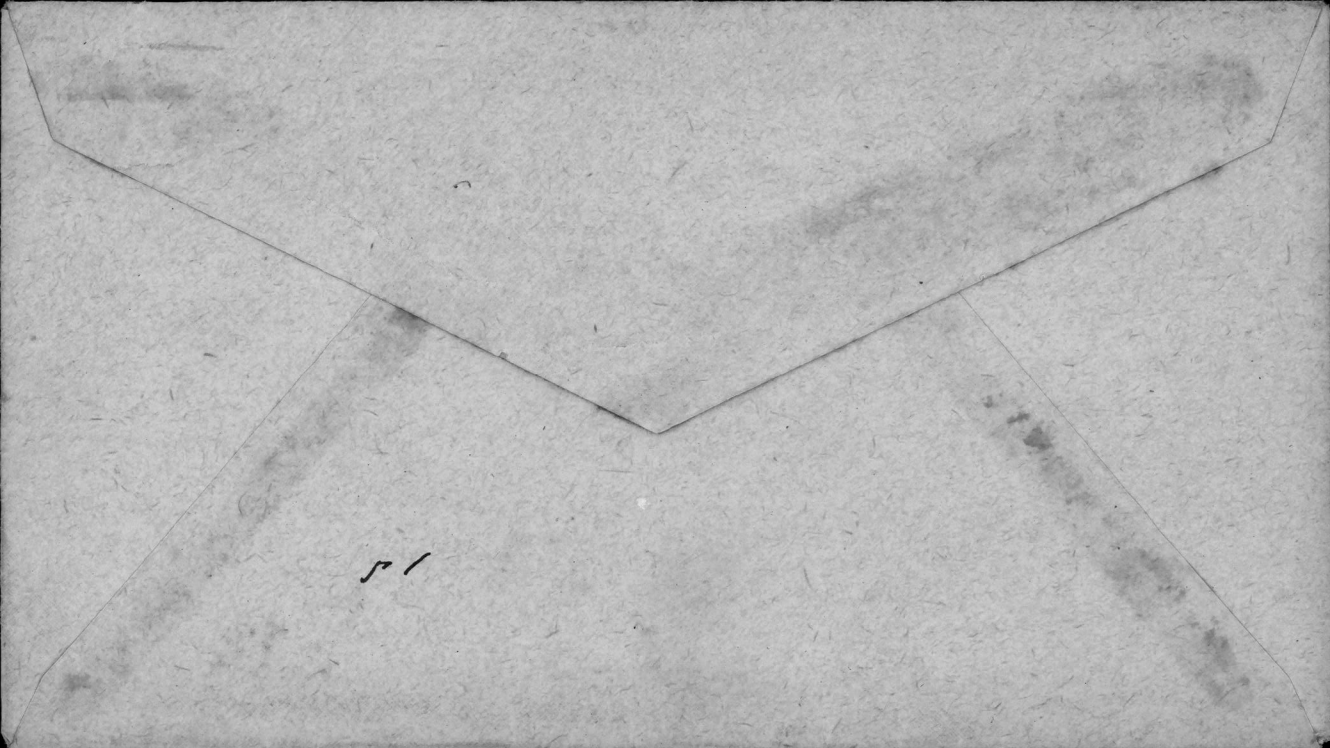
Love,

Lee

Post. Lucie C. Anderson
M. P. Detachment
Forest Park
St. Louis, Missouri



Mrs. Oscar H. Anderson
Box 415
Croton, Minnesota



Saturday Night

Dear Mother, Dad & Sone,
you arent the only one who has
letters to write. The last week it seems that
is all I've done. I got a letter from that
kid in Iran and he is a guy I used to
play basket-ball with in the C's. Russ
in his last letter said he plans on getting
a furlough the last part of March or first
of April. I asked him to let me know when
he found out for sure and I'd try to get a
three day pass then. Some of the boys are
being shipped from our outfit and they get
their furloughs first so it doesn't look like
we will be in line for sure for a while
yet. Son said he would send me a card
when he moved. As yet I haven't received
it so I'm under the impression he ~~is~~ is still
there.

The run I'm on now is to True Route, Indiana
and that is where I'm at now. I'll leave

here at five thirty in the morning and
get back about three thirty in the afternoon.
all our layover is here so we stay in a
hotel. This is a pretty good run as the
trains aren't very crowded and they really
move along. For the first half of March
I go to Evansville, Ind. which is farther
south and on a different line. That is an
all night run and every ^{night} ~~day~~. Not so good."
I've had one day off since I've been here and
that was the day Ida left, and talk about
different shifts. When I get back I'll be
able to sleep or work at any time.

If you can manage to get an extra
copy of the courier I'd like to get one. That
is one thing I have plenty of time for and
that is reading. I don't write very well
on the train so we read. It passes the time
a lot faster. One time you asked me if you
could send some home ~~cakes~~ baked cookies etc.
I'll give you the go sign now as I'm getting
pretty sick of eating in restaurants so something
like that will taste pretty good. I told "she"

the same thing.

It did surprise me that Orville has to go so soon as there are quite a few actors I think should have gone first. Guess it's who you know that counts in some cases. I'm kinda anxious to hear what branch of the service he will get put into.

The weather down here has been swell the last week or so. To day it was warm enough to go around in just a shirt. The people do say though that it is a funny winter.

They will never raise the age limit as they are getting too many 4-5's now. They say one day that every man they take in from now on has to be physically fit and the next they talk about taking in more limited service. Wonder when they will start making up their minds in Washington.

It is nearing nine thirty and seeing that I have to get up at four thirty guess I'd better get to bed.

Love
Les

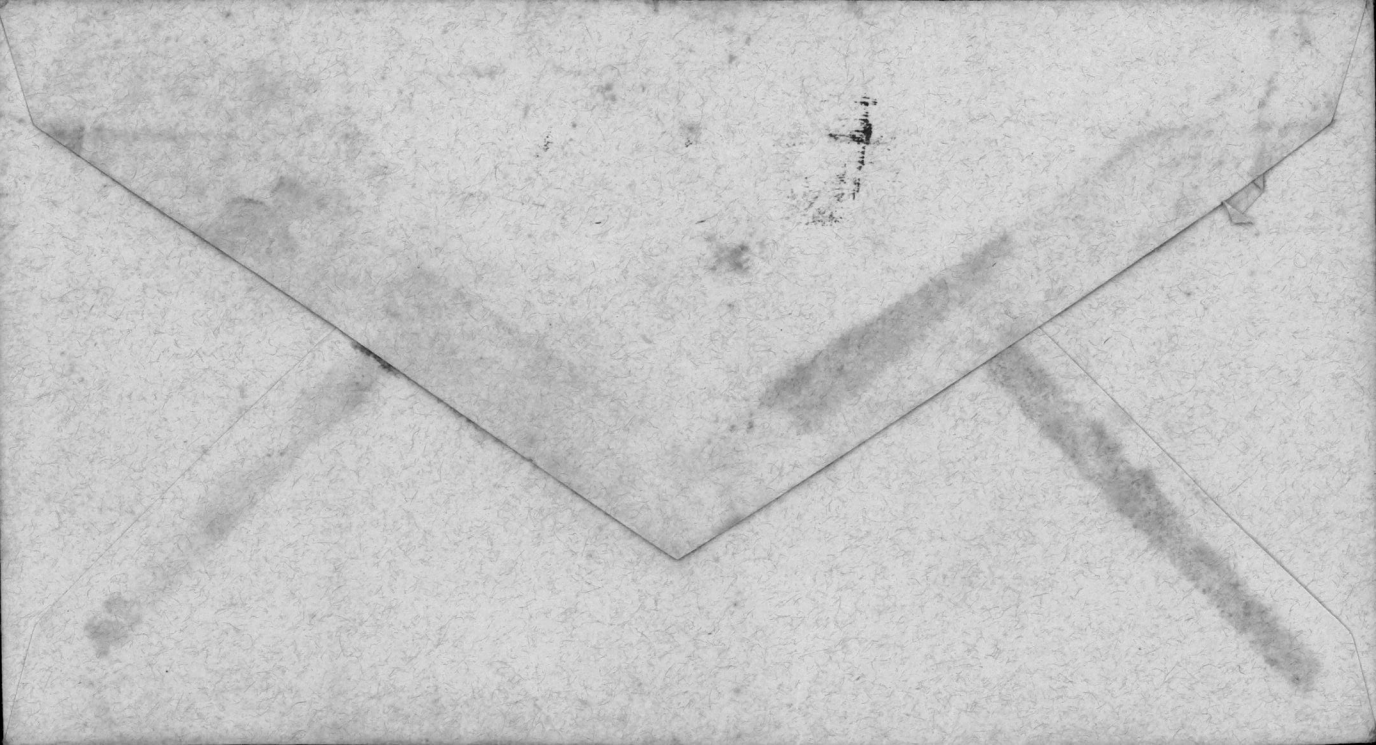
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Forest Park
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Mr. & Mrs. Oscar H. Anderson
Box 415
Branton, Minnesota



Sunday Night

dear Mother Dad, & Son.

As I said I would write all three of you at one time. This last fifteen days I've been on one of the rotten runs which was two nights on and one off. This particular train hauls so many that it really keeps you on the go. There also was a bar car which made it all the worse. I would say that we averaged over five hundred military personnel on each trip. That is one way. For this next fifteen days I'll be on every night. We leave here about ten thirty at night and get back in about seven

a go. They all carry knives and I guess the women are no exception. I've changed my mind a lot regarding them since coming down here and in a way can't blame the people for feeling as they do. I know I'll be glad to get away from them, for more than one reason.

It looks like it will be pretty hard to get away from here now and guess I was lucky to get away when I did. This last week there were about ten men shipped out and in this outfit it is real noticable as far as work goes. If I don't get home I'll try and call early on the night of the 19th. Runa should be there by then.

thirty in the morning. She will have a good train crew on this run which always helps a lot, and we may be able to get a birth coming back.

Both the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers are really high and still coming up. Storms have been given in certain localities for the people to get out. On this run we follow the Mississippi for about fifty miles so we can keep tabs on it. During this last week we only had one day that it didn't rain. Today it is kinda chilly and miserable.

A colored boy (soldier) was stabbed to death by a colored girl a couple days

There isn't any thing more to tell
you so guess I'd better sign off.

Love,

Lis

Epl. Leslie E. Anderson, 37575511
Co. E, 86th Bn. 18th Group
A.S.F.T.E. 3860th Unit
CAMP LAIBORNE, LOUISIANA.



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Mr. + Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON
Box 415
Iron ton, Minnesota



Sunday Night
8:15

Dear Mother, Dad, Dore,

Have been back about an hour from seeing Alon. He was unable to write a letter and have it sent for a few days so I told him I'd pass on the latest developments to you. He left with his whole outfit for a staging area which is prior to P.O. Co but does not necessarily mean that they are after sent back if they are not needed at that time. From what I could gather by listening to different things that were said they will be going east, which I know they all prefer. He will more than likely be there for quite some time as it is there where they are also given their final examination shots etc. Seeing that he was kept quite busy all day we were able to spend quite a bit of time together as I arrived at Camp Livingston about eight last night. We talked ~~it~~ till about twelve and were up at six this morning. Last weekend we

spent quite a bit of time both in Alexandria and Livingston. He sure is proud of that boy of his and he says Mally is too. Now looks good and hasn't changed a bit and it sure was good to see him. He will more than likely give you the blocks when he writes.

Our three weeks were completed yesterday but as usual it looks like the army can't use us at the present so we will take at least another week training. Some of us could leave as two or three have already gone to different schools. Those schools aren't for me though as it was cake & bakers school and bakers school. I hat this next week will consist of I don't know, but what ever it is there is nothing we can do about it.

Glad to hear you are getting a sewer put in. That will be a great help. Maybe we boys will get home in time to help, Dad. Believe even I could dig pretty good once again after digging fox-holes in this Louisiana clay. At least I acquired a couple blisters the last time.

The weather has been nice with the exception of last Thursday when it rained

all day. It is generally nice and warm
and the sun really gets warm in the afternoons.
I have nothing to kick about except I don't
like to do things at all times the army way
and as fast as they want them done. It's the
old story of "hurry up and wait."

Haven't had much extra time lately so
haven't been able to write Andy but will
this week.

This will have to be all for now
so goodnight. Hoping the three of you are
well and don't let that cold weather get
you down. Hope I'll see a little of it
soon.

Love,

Lee

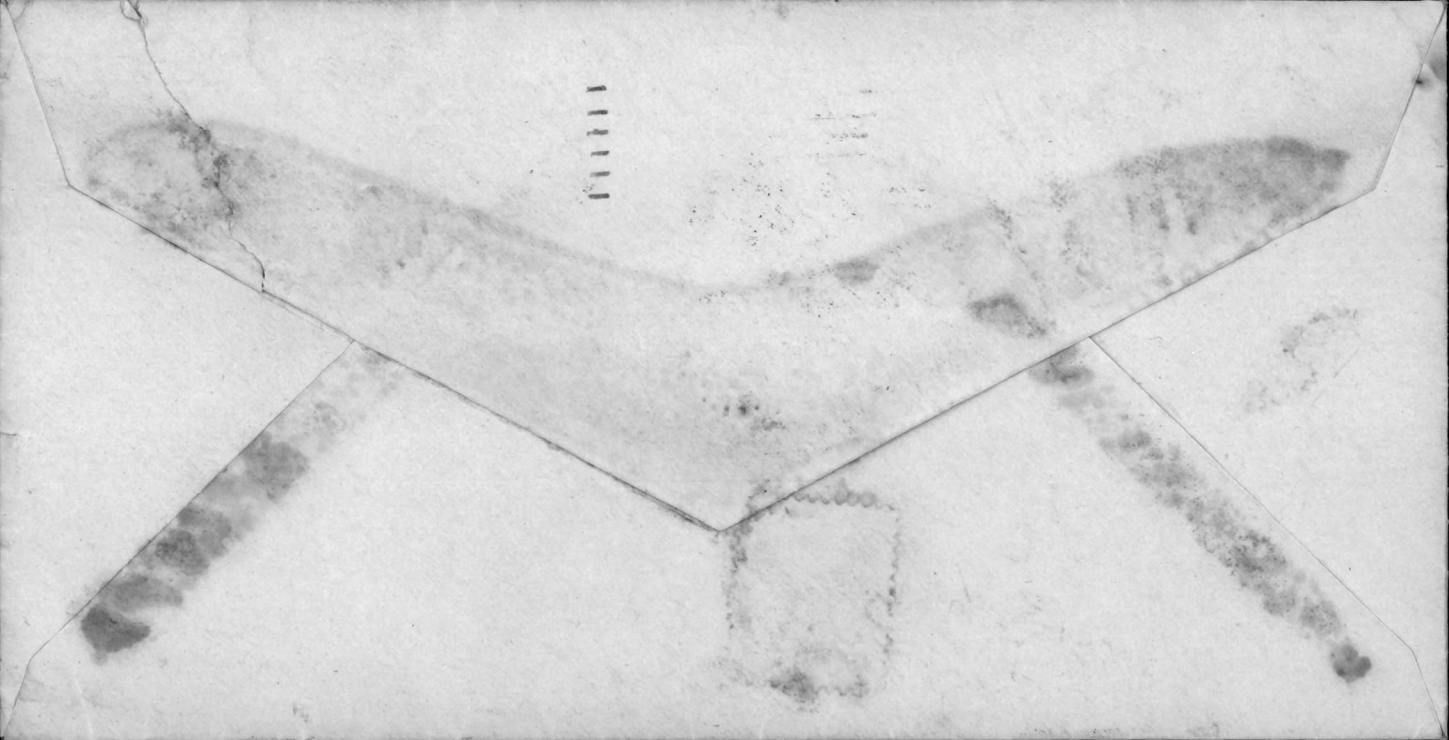
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A.S.F.T.E.
Camp Claiborne, Louisiana



Mr & Mrs OSCAR W. Anderson

Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota



Wednesday Morning

Dear Mother, Dad, Sam,

This is supposed to be a class in typing but for those of us who know it we do just about as we please. This school is fairly easy and at times it becomes a joke. It seems to me the army can get enough men who already know how to type without teaching it. It will be seven weeks that we will know what we are going to do, which is something in this army. We should be through the first part of January and then we are supposed to get our furloughs. It has been over six months now since I got my last one and it sure would be nice to get home again. It would be just wishful thinking to think that I'll be able to get home for X-mas, but stranger things than that have happened in the Army. If I haven't told you before what kind of school this is, it's learning what goes on in an army office.

So far I haven't written nor did I receive a card so I don't know which coast he actually went to. You asked me if I thought he'd go to Europe so I take it he is on the east coast. I know if I had my choice I'd prefer Europe in some respects and the other side for

other reasons. The move Russ made was a surprise and from what you said he can't be very near the front. More than likely he is still in hdqrs. and they are generally quite far back.

you have been a busy little beaver haven't you, Dad? But it's nice not to have to carry any more water out. Do you intend to dig out the rest of the basement now. I mean the next job.

Seeing that Gene came alone he and Alfred must not be together any more. I have often wondered what happened to them. I'm hoping he is right about Germany as then there will only be one to think about.

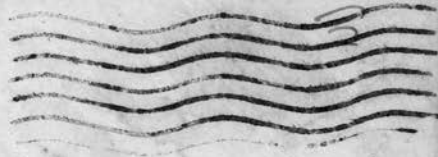
With the exception of going to Livingston via Alexandria those two Sundays I haven't left camp Claiborne since I came. ~~and~~ I can't give you any news outside of here, and there surely isn't any here, with the exception of rumors which there are plenty.

It is nearly time to leave for dinner so guess I'd better bring this to a close. Thanks for the pictures Dave, they were swell. Write when you can find time and I hope to be seeing you soon.

Love,

Les

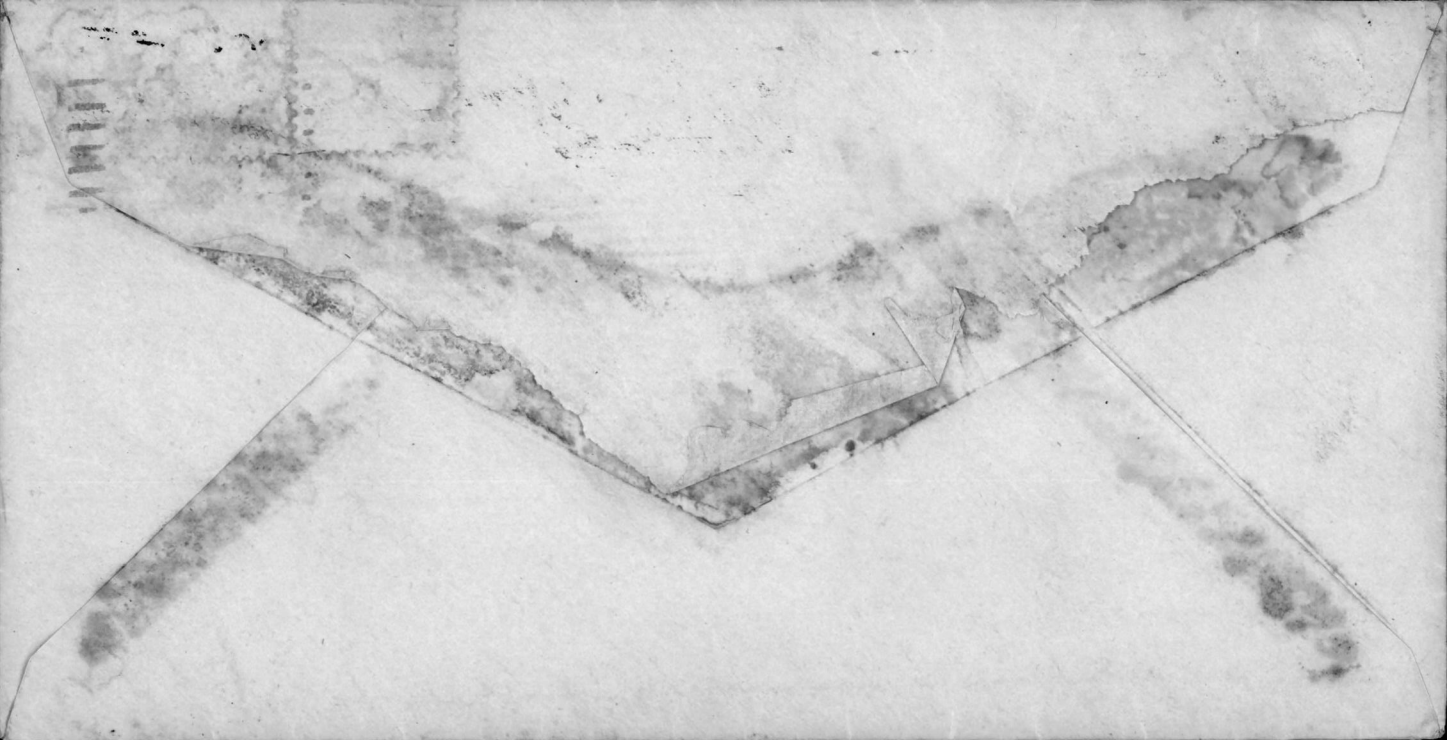
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Co. A, 78th BN. 16th Group
A.S.F.T.F.
Camp Claiborne, Louisiana



Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON

Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota





CAMP CLAIBORNE
LOUISIANA

Tuesday Night
Dec. 19, 1941

Dear Mother, Dad, Dore,

First I'll thank you for the X-mas gift which I received yesterday. It will sure come in handy after this is over with. I'll have to write to Elaine and thank her also. Does she have any plans for coming home for the holidays? The pkg. you sent reached me in good shape. Although I haven't (or I should say we) taken care of all of it. I've done right well by it. The candy and cookies were swell.

No, I haven't heard from Don since he left here, but if he has left the states it isn't surprising. More than likely I'll hear from him soon. I received a pkg. from he and Mally yesterday. By the way you forgot to put his address at the end of your letter, but maybe it's just as good as it would probably take longer for a letter

to be forwarded to him than if I were to get his new address. Had a letter from Russ which he had written on Nov. 22nd. With the exception of being kinda wet he said he wasn't leading a bad life at all.

The weather here hasn't been so bad. Yesterday it rained quite hard and was chilly. Today it was real warm out and the sun actually stayed out all day. This country isn't bad this time of the year but I don't think I'd like it during the summer.

School is about the same. Some days it's all right and others make you wonder why you are seemingly just wasting time. About three more weeks and we should be through. A lot of the guys from here have been sent to camps in Texas the last week so. Our schools have ~~taking~~ taken a beating. Guess we have about a dozen left out of our thirty in our school alone. Guess what branch they went to, the infantry. Things have quieted down so it appears there won't be any more sent out. Everybody still seems to think this camp won't stay open much longer, but guess that is one of the army's secrets. The air force are also sending men to infantry camps so it appears this move by the army is effecting quite a few men. App. six of us who left St. Louis are still to-gether so we can still talk about our life in the M.P.'s.



CAMP CLAIBORNE

LOUISIANA

That was the first time Joanne ever sang for me over the phone and it was really swell to hear her. That act she went through for you must have been something which I could have been there to have seen it.

How is the Kurgren-Hanna switch getting along. You should be well caught up on that. seeing that two of you are listening posts out there. Did Kurgren need some ready cash to meet a pay-day. That is what some of these wild-cat oil companies down here have to do, I hear. Same thing.

Muss is scarce so will close for now. If you receive this after X-mas I hope you had a very merry one. If you get it before I'll wish the same.

Loney

Lee

Lt. Leslie E. Anderson, 315580
E. A. 78th Bn. 16th Group. A. S. F. T. L.
Camp Claiborne, Louisiana

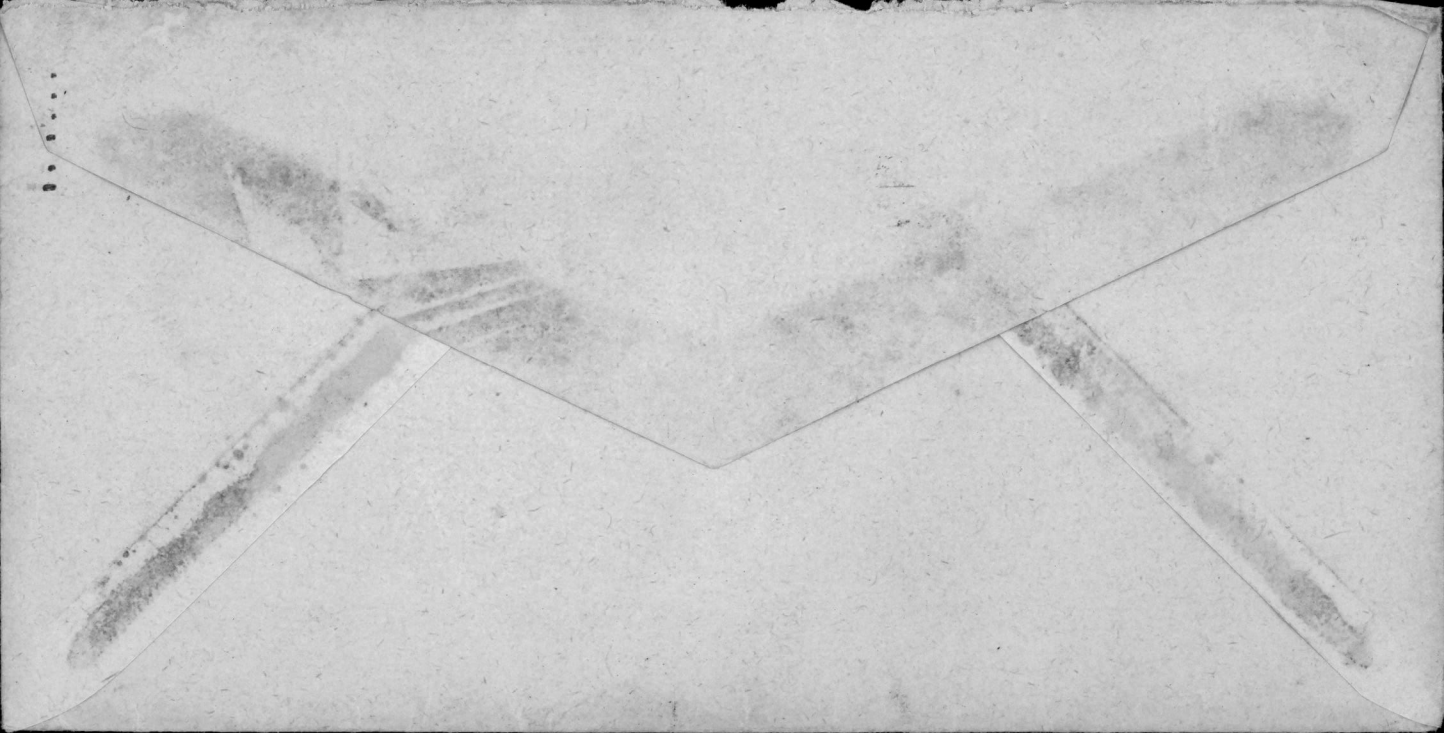


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Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota



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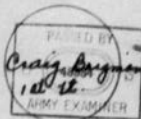
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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Dear Sir, 16 Dec. 1949 England

We've have kept going East since I last saw you and as you can see from the above we're in England now. Our surroundings aren't too pleasant, but we didn't expect to find it this lucky. We're quartered in buildings and we could have gone to places where the pup tent would have been used.

The country is quite strange to us, their speech, wordage, customs are all quite different. It's all very interesting and I'm glad we did land here. There's plenty of time left to see the other countries close by. I guess some troops are sent directly into France.

The trip over treated me O.K. — one day I came close to vomiting, but I didn't and consider myself lucky.

If you're ever sent across be sure to take some pills along for cleaning your mess kit. The salt water seems hell with them.

Mom wrote that you were to be sent to some school — I hope you did.

Greet the family — hoping all are O.K. — in love
No kisses yet.

Love Don
Have you filled in complete address at top?

Have you filled in complete address at top?

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CAMP CLAIBORNE
LOUISIANA

Dear Mother, Dad, Son,

Sunday Afternoon

I have been quite lax in writing letters lately so I only have about five to answer.

We were informed Thursday that we would have to take the week of school that we skipped which we had hoped of missing. We took two weeks in one at the first and at that time and up until Thursday we were under the impression we wouldn't have to make it up. Success some master mind didn't think we would be able to do the work without this extra week. One more week though won't hurt us I guess but I'll bet most of it will be spent doing nothing.

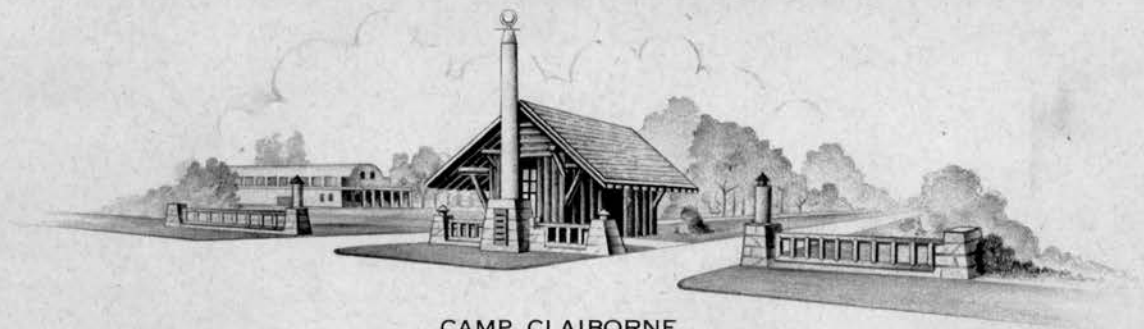
Men are still being shipped in and out of here regularly. Some have hit pretty good camps and some not so good. There haven't been any going to the infantry lately, but there

is a bunch going in a few days and they may. I'll be glad to finish this school to see where or what I'll get into. Hope it isn't any place in this camp because I have little love for it.

It has rained here the last two days, but to day it is pretty warm and the sun comes out now and then. I'd still prefer the cold and snow to this weather down here. The bay Louisiana is bordered on three sides by the U. S. and one side by Texas. The guys from Texas and the weather here are just as bad. Both are wet.

Since I never wrote and told you I received the last pkg. you sent. I'll be able to use what you sent to a very good advantage. I should write Ethel and Fanny some too and thank them for the Readers Digest and also the box they sent.

Had a letter from Don a couple days ago and it was written in England. I'll send it along instead of telling you what he wrote. Haven't heard from Russ lately but should be getting



CAMP CLAIBORNE
LOUISIANA

a letter soon.

I went into Alexandria last week-end to try and find ~~find~~ some white stockings for G. Did get four pair after trying nearly all the stores that were open. That is the first time since I was left and it still hasn't changed. I mean the town.

With nothing more to write about I'll close for now.

Yours

Ed

Cpl. Lealie C. Anderson, 3757511
E.D. B. 101st Div. 17th C.P.
CAMP ELAIBORNE, SIBERIA

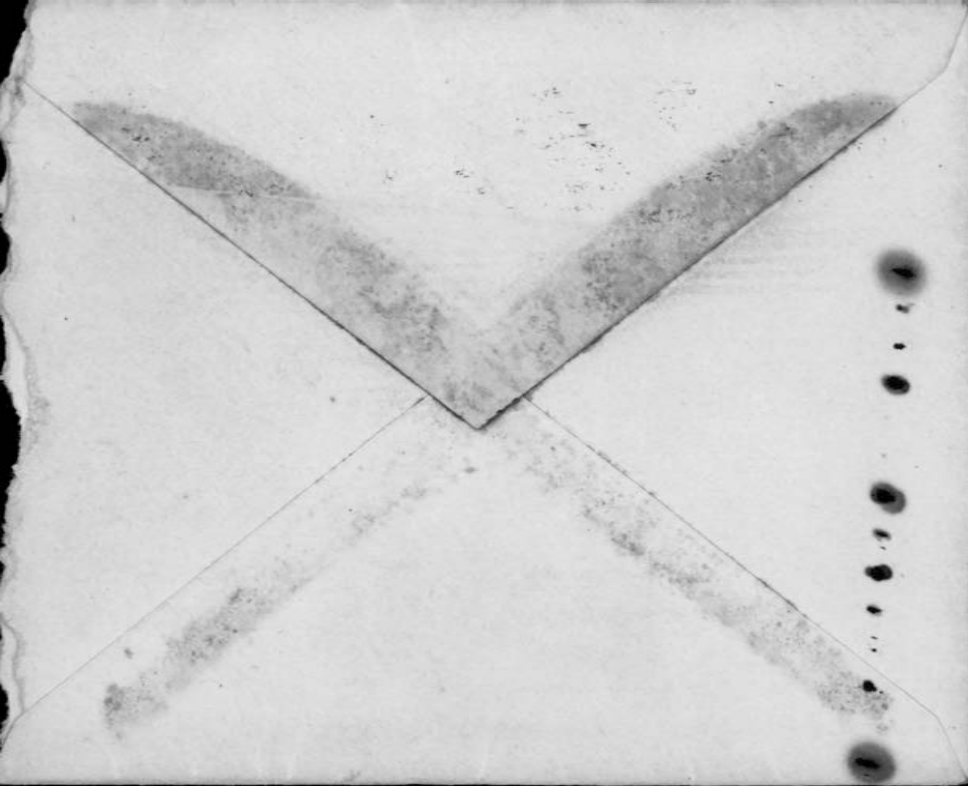


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Mr. & Mrs. OSCAR W. Anderson

Box 415

Ironston, Minnesota



Tuesday Afternoon

Dear Mother, Dad, Jane,

I received your last letter but maybe you didn't get mine. I don't remember just when I wrote but I did. The X-mas pkg came and I mentioned it in my other letter. If you don't get it I'll say thanks again for the presents.

This letter is being written in a pup-tent so if at times you can't quite make it out you will know the reason. Today is the start of from two to three week bivouac. Don't know if I'm going to like it but

It has been quite some time since I've heard from Russ, so I should be getting a letter soon. I wrote to Don about a week ago.

Guess I won't make it sit in the corner. If I did I'm afraid I'd catch it, after her saying I won't make her sit there. I hope to see her after this three weeks. I thought I'd be on furlough now but the army thought otherwise.

It is getting quite dark so guess I'd better quit for now. Instead of putting "afternoon" I should have put "evening". It will be getting to bed early to night and I hope we won't gotten up around midnight.

guess it doesn't make any difference anyway. Will tell you how the nights are later but I don't think they will be too bad. If the weather remains nice everything will be swell, but if it starts raining. They sure didn't lose any time sending us out on this after we completed school. It is just as well though if that was on our schedule. It is best to get this sort of thing over with as soon as possible. Just think some people pay to do this and we get paid to do it. Only here we can't go fishing or hunting.

So, think I'll brush my teeth
and forget about shaving for
to-night. Haven't quite gotten
up the nerve to start pulling
them out by using cold water.
I'll just say I don't ~~I~~ need to
shave yet. Will that do? No,
not here.

Maybe I'll have more to
write about next time so until
then —

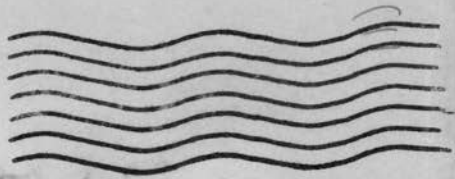
Love

Lee

P.S. Tell Ethel she invites to her
this week if you see her.

I haven't even written thanking
her for the X-Mas present.

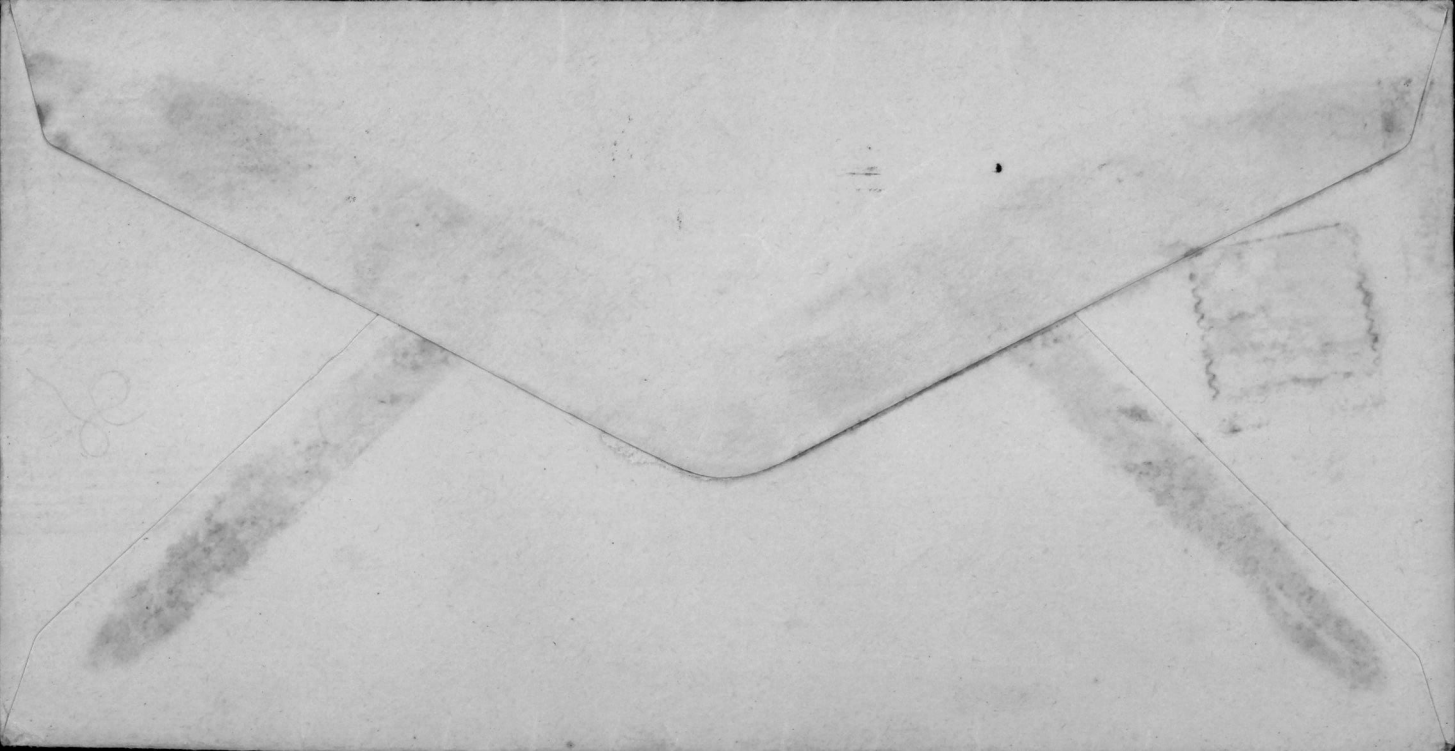
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Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.
Co D - 93rd Bn - 19th. Sup.



Mr. & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON

Box 415

Trouton, Minnesota



Wednesday Night

Dear Mother, Dad, Sore,

My letter writing has taken a beating lately due to being out on bivouac but maybe now that I'm back in camp again I can get caught up. How long we will stay in this company we have no idea but if what we are told is any indication it won't be long. This is just a training camp and seeing that we are through with all they have here there is no use in staying. Where we will go is another question but it may be Camp Beale California where quite a few have gone in the past.

I requested a furlough yesterday but it was returned disapproved to-day. The reason was that I was to be shipped and would get one then. I've listened to so damn much ~~long~~ that line that I don't believe anything any more. I intend to keep trying and when they get tired of me they will come across. A lot of the fellows

have tried that haven't had one in over a year
no guess I'm not the only one.

at present I'm working in Co. Heger which
isn't a bad deal as I get out of all detail ~~it~~ and
don't have to stand any formations. There is another
deal I may get in on here but I haven't pressed
it but may do so. If all army officers are run like
this one, it is no wonder that things are all balled up.
I know Inland would never stand for ~~it~~ their officers
to be run this way.

It seems kind of funny sleeping on springs
again after those three weeks out in the woods.
I really enjoyed that more than any other three
weeks in the army. With the exception of a few
things it was just like going on a camping trip.
The last week we went on a compass problem, in
parties of ten, which lasted two nights and a day.
We took along "C" rations which aren't bad but
I can imagine what they would be like if eaten for
any length of time. These Louisiana swamps sure
gave me the creeps at night as they reminded me
of some of the pictures I'd seen. Those with the
cypress trees with moss and vines reaching from

the water to the tops of the trees.

This camp is really getting to the bottom of the barrel as far as men are concerned. There doesn't seem to be anyone left. There was a rumor in the office to-day that it was closing. Maybe I'll get the job of locking the main gate which I'd gladly do, but then they would have to find a new hide-out for me. That is about what this place is as it is so far from civilization!

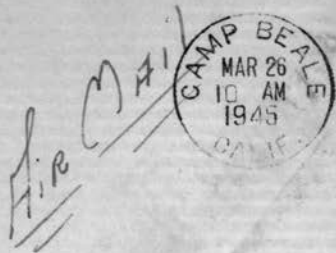
I received the money for the cigarettes but you didn't have to do that. I'll try to get some more to take home with me when I come.

This will have to be all for now and again I'll say I hope to be seeing you soon. Am O. K. and I hope you are the same.

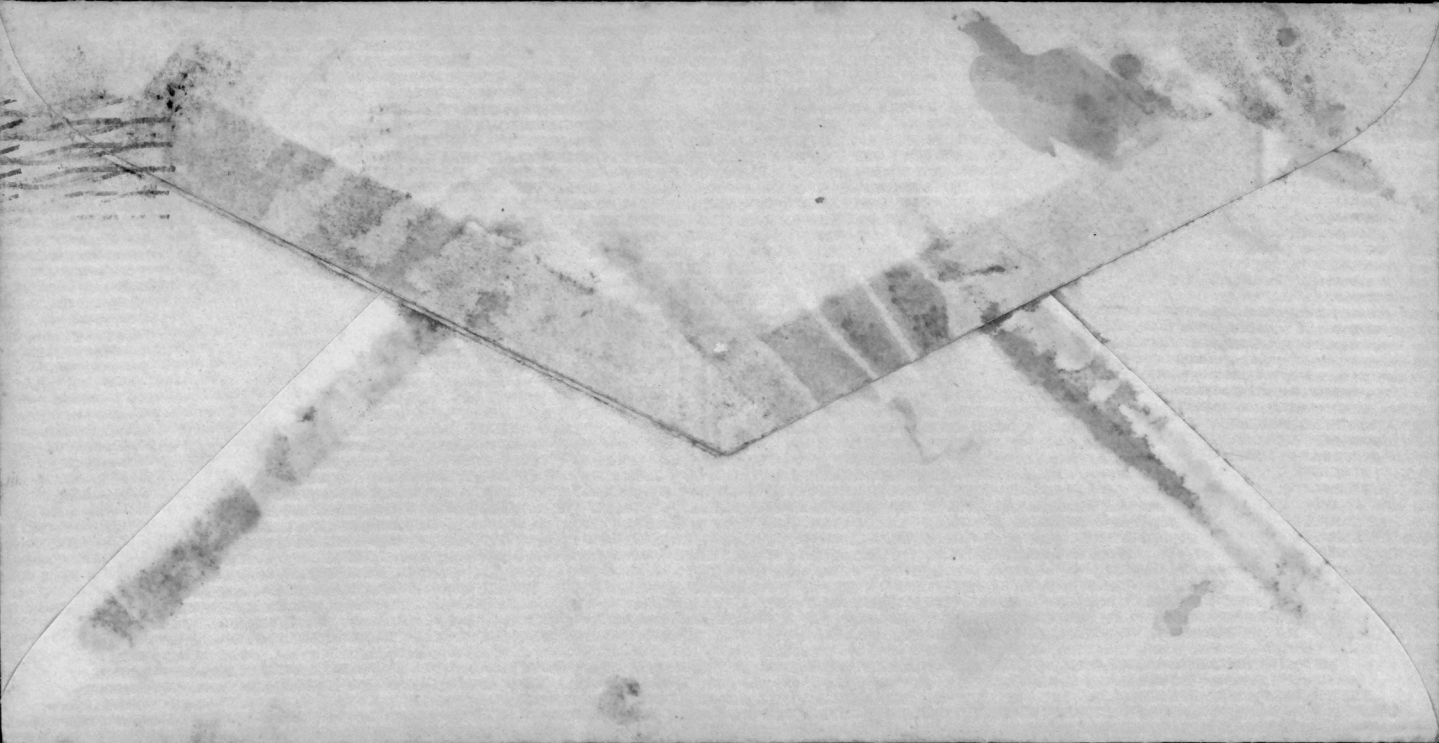
Love,

Ken

Cpl. Leslie C. Anderson 37575511
E.O.B., 2nd Bn. A.S.F. P.R.D.
Camp Beale, California



Mr & Mrs OSCAR W. ANDERSON
Box 415
Ironton, Minnesota





UNITED STATES ARMY

Sunday Night.

Dear Mother, Dad, Son,

First full day I've spent in California and it has rained all day and has been rather cold. It was nice yesterday when we got in and what little I saw of Sacramento it was pretty. The guns and trees are green and every thing looked good. Can't say that much for the trip out here from Omaha as that was a little on the uncomfortable side. It was a large train and it seemed people got on it all the time, mostly soldiers & sailors. The spot I liked best was Ogden, Utah where we had about an hour stop. At the end of the main street the mountains rose up. Through the mountains there was plenty snow and Thursday night we ran into a blizzard. Missed seeing Reno, Nevada as I was sleeping then. Arriving in Sacramento it seemed like we dropped out of

the mountains and were there.

Pera (Ida's sister) met the train and I was able to talk to her a few minutes. If I can get off next week end I intend to go to Sacramento and visit with she and her husband.

Our camp is 52 miles from Sacramento and about fifteen from Marysville a town about the size of Grainerd. It is spread over quite a large area but it is a much better looking place than Claiborne. The barracks are two story, gas heated and the wash rooms are in the same building.

Don't know yet just what we will do here but will no doubt find out starting to-morrow. We are supposed to get another physical, have another interview and other things that we had at Claiborne. From all I've heard they don't know here what is going to happen to us any more than they did at Claiborne. Just have to wait & guess.

In my next letter I'll be able to tell you more of what goes on. For now this will be all. Hope everything is fine at home.

Love

Les

Epl. Leslie F. Anderson, 375755A
E.A.B, 2nd BN. A.S.F. P.R.D.
Camp Beale, California



VIA AIR MAIL
CORREO AEREO

Mrs. & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON
Box 415
Ironton, Minnesota

PAR
AVION

VIA AIR MAIL

Wednesday Night

Dear Mother, Ned, Lona,

Can't say as I'll have very much to write about as nothing has happened that is worth writing about. Had a letter from "Russ" to-day and he says he is enjoying life. He mentioned riding around the country so he can't have it so bad. Lona's being in Germany was news as I haven't had a letter from him since I got the one which was waiting for me when I first came here.

Spent the week end of the first in Sacramento with Rena and her husband. It was good getting away from here even if it was for only a day. This place gets on my nerves more than Claiborne did even though it is a much prettier? camp and the weather here is much nicer. Can't say this camp agrees with me Ned as I doubt if any will. This one is strictly no good as far as regulations are concerned.

AIR¹⁰
MAIL

There aren't very many men here at present but guess there are quite a few coming in about the 1st. If any come from Crowder in Missouri I may run across an old buddy of mine that I took basic with and ^{also} went to St Louis to-gether. A shipment of men left here last Monday and another is leaving for Camp Lee Virginia soon which isn't on.

So far I haven't done much except a little detail now and then. German prisoners do most of the work around here and there doesn't seem to be very much of that to do.

It has been just like summer in Minnesota here the last few days. Hot during the day and cool at night. Quite a difference from what you are or have had lately.

Hope to have more to write about the next time. I'm fine and hope you are the same.

Love

Lee

Epl. Leslie L. Anderson, 3755 1/2
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

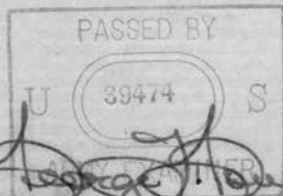


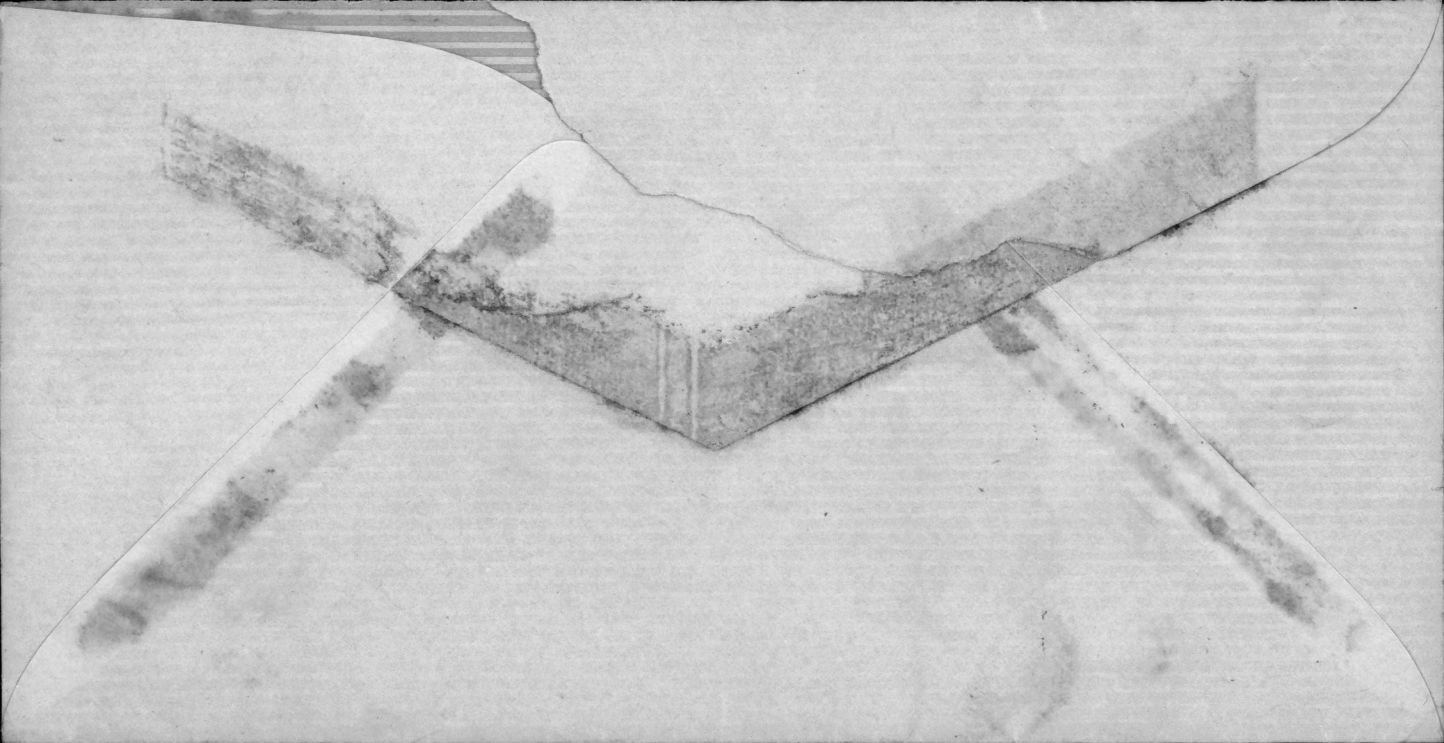
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Mr. & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON

Box #15

Ironton, Minnesota





Sunday Night
April 19, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad, Son,

There really isn't so very much to write about, but think I'd better drop you a few lines now.

This place wouldn't be bad to be stationed at, as it is more on the order of the St. Louis set up. The food has been good, and the climate somewhat on the order of Minnesota. Can't say the barracks are so good, but what can you expect by just being a tourist.

The trip here was interesting but I would have enjoyed it more had I been traveling by sea. The terrain reminds me of the country on the Minn. Canadian border. That is around Crane Lake and around International Falls.

There are still a few of us together that left Claiborne at the same time,

AIR³⁰
MAIL

but the balance will more than likely
be split up some more.

If there was anything worth while
writing about this letter wouldn't be so short
and maybe there will be more the next time.
Give Herman and the rest my regards and
I hope you are all fine.

Love

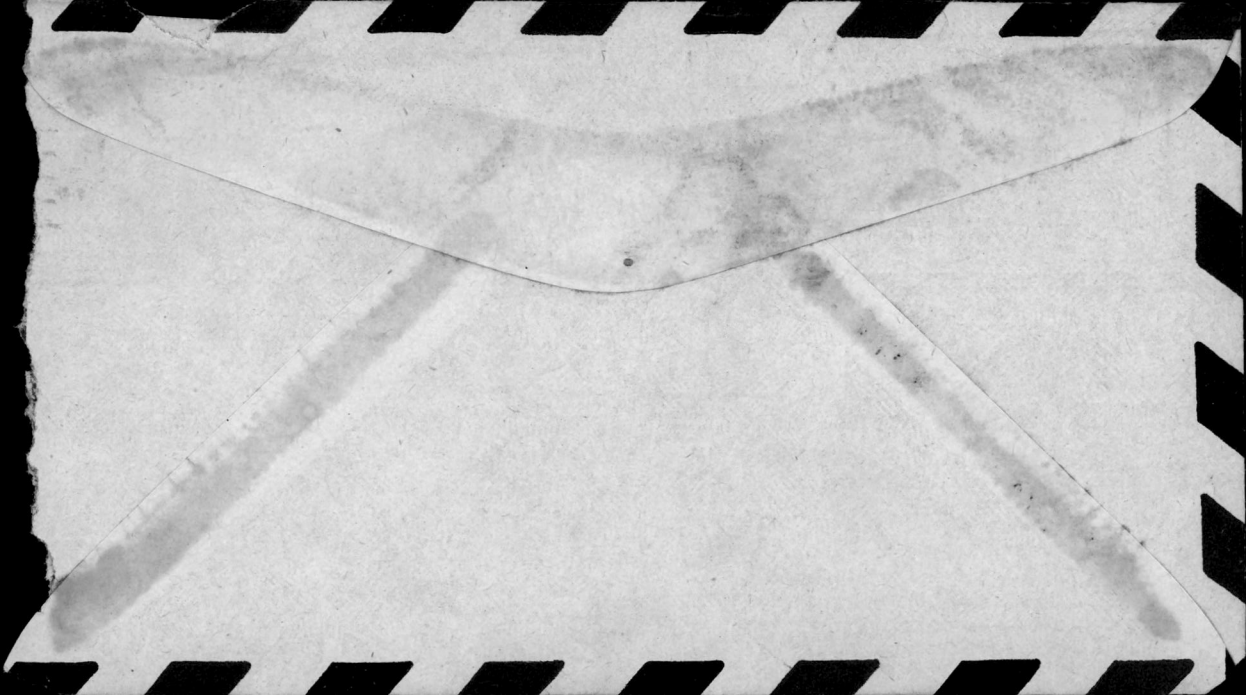
Lee

Cpl. Leslie E. Anderson, 37575511
Co. B, 2nd Bn. A.S.F. P.R.D.
Camp Beale, California



VIA AIR MAIL

Mr & Mrs OSCAR W. ANDERSON
Box 415
Ironton, Minnesota



Sunday Afternoon
April 22, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad, & Gene,

Today is ^{like} a regular March day in Minnesota. It has been blowing quite hard all day and for a change isn't very warm. It hasn't rained since the day I got here so the wind throws quite a bit of dust around.

I had a letter from Russ not so long ago, but I haven't heard from him for quite some time. Russ hasn't mentioned anything or even hinted that he has moved so the first I heard about it was when you wrote.

Evidently Harold H. was finally caught up with. Guess he thought everyone owes him something, but ~~it~~ he is typical of the air-corps. Had enough of them doing M.P. work. Hope Fred gets most of his training over with before the hot weather sets in down there as it really gets warm.

Ida told me that Emily was there and I'm glad that Nina is coming along

fine. She couldn't have stayed in the hospital very long.

I see you are still thinking of those cigarettes. Tell you what I'll do, I'll call collect some night this week and give you the latest gossip. There is so much of that here only it's all about the way the army is run. Guess we all have our ideas on how it should be done, and maybe one of these days we will actually see how it is done. At least it will be the last half of the ball game anyway.

Took in a show last night and will probably do the same to-night. The pictures here though surely take the cake. For those of us who have only that entertainment it isn't very good, but it helps a little.

Well, if there were any news it wouldn't be worth writing about coming from here so far now I'll close. Son fine and I hope you are the same.

Love,

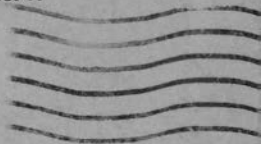
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P. S. Give my regards to "Major" when the wandering boy comes home.

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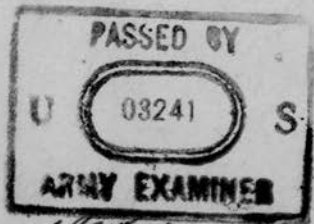
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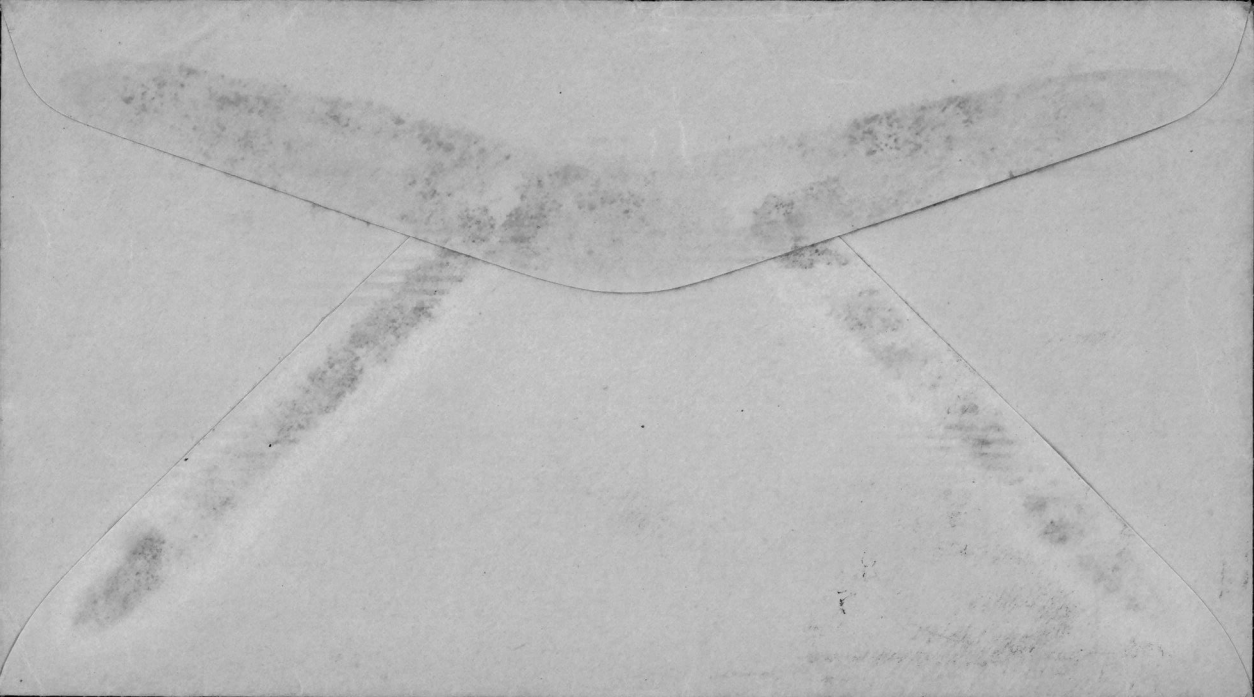
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Mr & Mrs OSCAR Anderson
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Ironton, Minnesota



May 10, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad, Jane

The trip here, with the exception of being a little on the crowded side and the food poor, wasn't bad. I didn't get sick which I'm glad of as some of the boys didn't look so good. Some ran pretty fast for the rail on the ship and others you could see carrying their helmets to the latrine. Yes, the helmets have a variety of uses and it is much easier to clean them than the floor.

At present I'm on Oahu one of the Hawaiian islands. Honolulu is also on this island.

and maybe I'll have the opportunity to visit there. I have seen a little of it as well as Pearl Harbor and intend to visit both if passes are available.

It is quite hot here during the day but the nights are cool. So far have not had any rain and am told it doesn't last long when it does. Have seen Pineapple fields, coconut and banana trees but intend to see more if possible.

The food here is good, the quarters are good but it just isn't the same as being in the states.

Mail has been slow but

one of these days I should hit
the jack pot.

What do you hear from
Pew & Alon. Hope Alon gets to
get back to the states now
that Germany has been taken
care of.

It is nearly time for lights
out so for now this will have
to be all. Am fine and I
hope you are the same.

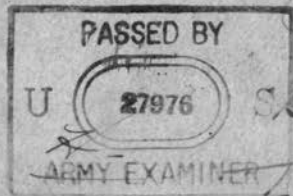
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Les

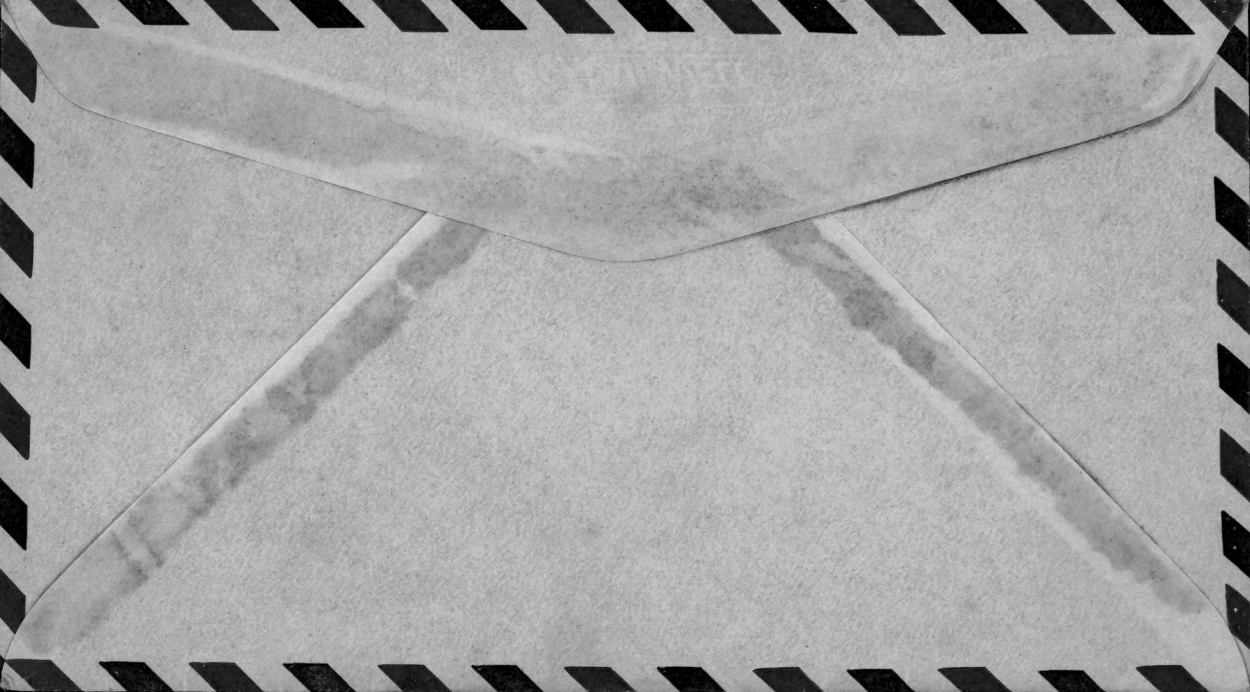
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VIA AIR MAIL



Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON
Box 415
RONTON, MINNESOTA



May 16, 1945

Dear Mother Glad, Love,

If it is in the cards ^{for me} to stay here
I don't think a person could ask for
a better set up. From where I've been
to this place is as different as black is
from white. I'm still on the same
island but you would never
know it. I've interviewed to-day
to see what kind of work I'll be
doing if I do stay and there is a
possibility I'll get an opportunity to
work in the finance office. I'm not
building up any hopes like I did
two years ago, but it sure will be
a change from what I have been
doing the last few days.

None of the fellows that I've

been with are with me now. That
is to be expected and there are
always new fellows to get acquainted
with. Just in case I'm moved again
soon I'll write a short letter to give
you that information. It is possible
as we haven't been given definite
word that we would stay.

Your letter and pictures arrived
yesterday. Love and thanks for the
snaps. I'd forgotten about them being
taken. Mail has been good, bad and
good again.

The last few days I spent at
a place that wasn't so hot. The
dust was about as red as dirt by
the mines and to geth with sweat
a person really looked good. The
mosquitoes were just about as thick

as they are around home.

Guess I'd better shower, take a
shower and hit the hay. It is nearly
nine so maybe it is a good idea. Hope
you are fine and in the same.

Love

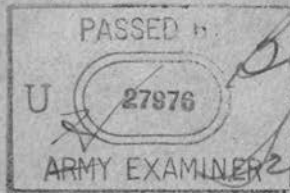
Les

Cpl. Leslie C. Anderson, 37535571
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A.P.O. 956 P.O. Postmaster
San Francisco, California



VIA AIR MAIL

June 1st 1945
Mr. & Mrs. Oscar H. Anderson



Box 415
Portland, Maine



Sunday Night May 27/94

Dear Mother, Dad & Jones

Things here have been quite the same since arriving here, and I'd still trade this island for little or nothing. It is though one of the better spots as far as the army is concerned, but there are certain aspects about the set up here that make it quite disgusting. Both Russ & I now will agree with me, I know, as we have talked about it before.

The weather here is kinda hard to get accustomed to, but with that exception I'm fine and am pretty well settled. The work isn't so bad, but there are a lot of details & red tape as usual.

Oh, I was on the water when V. L. day was announced, and I don't believe there should be any objection in my telling you that as we were allowed to write then. It didn't come as much of a surprise,

but it will speed things up
against the faps

I do write and told me
about your trip to Minneapolis when
you met Mally. She said Mally was
kinda tired after the trip and I
can't blame her. She had enough to
make that trip alone, besides having
a baby to care for. Give her
hello for me.

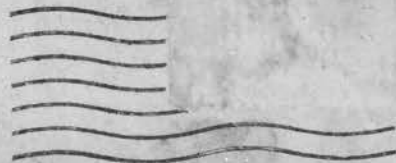
Your weather must be kinda
miserable, but it should get
better soon. When it does it
will probably get real hot.
Wonder how she'll be able to stand
the cold weather when I get
back.

It is nearly time for the lights
to go out so for now this will
have to be all. Bye bye and I
hope you are the same.

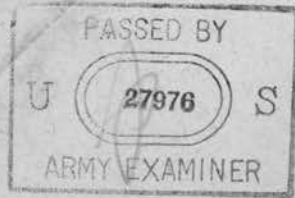
Love

Lee

Epl. Leslie E. Anderson, 3757511
Adg. S. Lt. (FISCAL SECTION) C.P.B.C.
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



VIA AIR MAIL



Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. Anderson
Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota



Sunday, June 10, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad & Gene,

Things here are about the same and that includes the work. It is quite different than working for Ireland as here there is so much detail work to be done. Guess when the Army runs out of paper the war will end.

So far Sue only been to town once since I got here, so Sue not had much of an opportunity to look around, but when I do I'll see if there isn't something there that you would like in the line of souvenirs. I'm going to see if I can't find a little grass skirt for Jo Anne, but that may be hard to find.

Had a letter from Ethel the other day and she seems pretty sure that they may go to Fargo. She also told me about Bob and Jerry and their fishing

expedition. But they were proud of themselves.

The mail just came in and there was a letter from both Don and Russ. He has moved again, but this letter was written about the 20th of May. He didn't have much to say except that he saw Ben Lyelo. But the B.S. flew thick when they were together. Don mentioned being across the Kila and also that he hoped to get home soon. Maybe with the anticipated reduction in points both he and Russ will get out of the army. They have both spent their share of time in this thing. Maybe it won't last much longer anyway, I hope.

Nothing much more of interest to tell you so think I'll either go swimming or see a ball game in Honolulu. Everything here is fine and I'm sure it is the same ~~there~~.

Love

Doc.

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Epl. Leslie L. Anderson, 37575511
Hdqrs. Co. (FISCAL Section) C.P.B.C.
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June 28
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Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. Anderson

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ARMY EXAMINER

Box 415
Leonten, Minnesota



AIR MAIL

Sunday Morning.
June 24, 1945

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Dear Mother, Dad, Son,

It has been two weeks since I last wrote so guess it's about time I ~~could~~ catch up a little.

Everything here is about the same and haven't as yet done any more visiting around the island. There are supposed to be a few places of interest which I'll have to take in at some time or other. About all I've done in my spare time is swim and play ball. Don't believe I'll ever get used to the salt water, but it is nice and warm. There isn't too much work to do, but who is going to kick about that even though the time goes much faster when a person is busy.

Don Price must be a pretty poor shot if all he could do was hit that nigger in the leg. He should have taken a little time and made one less. How did the fellow who was stabbed with the ice pick come out.

Air
Mail

By the time ~~slow~~ gets back to the states and has his furlough the business on this side should be well on its way being over. There shouldn't be too much use for his type of unit over here with the Japanese air-force on its way out. I'd be willing to bet he will never see this side unless he goes direct from Europe.

There isn't a thing I need, not even "gooseberries". From what is sold here on the island isn't much better than slop, according to what Sin told. Besides that the price is about twice that at home. Guess I'll have to wait, and be an abstainer for the duration.

I still haven't been to town but when I do I'll try and find something for you that you will like. If there is anything in particular that you would like, or some thing along a certain line let me know.

It is time for dinner so guess I'd better be getting over there. Hope everything is fine with you. Give really my regards and also the young - ones.

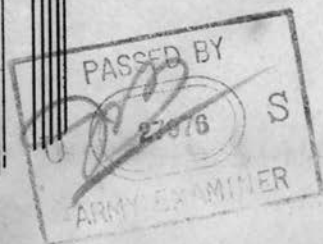
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Epl. Leslie E. Anderson, 375754
Hdqs. Co. (Fis. Sec) C.P.B.C.

A.P.O. 986 40 Postmaster

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Mr. & Mrs. OSCAR W. Anderson

Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota



AIR MAIL

Tuesday Night
July 17, 1940
7:30

Dear Mackay, Glad, Lane, Mally, & Small.

Laura & I've been kind of lax in my letter writing, but I won't offer any excuses. Everything here is nearly the same except that lately I've been playing ball nearly every night and that has been including all Saturdays & Sundays. We have a hard ball team here now and I caught the first game last Sunday. Haven't done that since 1937 and had quite a time. We play to morrow and Friday evening besides Sunday so it looks like quite a full schedule.

Since my last writing, have had a change of jobs. I've transferred into the audit section ^{and} it is a much better deal. To much typewriter before, and now it is a Monroe calculator whenever it is needed. There is more work now, but it is a better type of work.

If you think I'm optimistic you should
hear some of the predictions that are being
made around here. It is said though that an
optimist is often disappointed whereas a pessimist
is cheered by good news that isn't expected.
People sure would look funny though if they
were always going around with a long face,
and expecting the worst.

Had a letter from both Son & Russ
not so long ago. Son hadn't received the last
letter I've written him so it must take quite
a while to get there. He doesn't know what
the next move will be, but who does. Russ
said he was doing the same as usual and
had seen Bern again.

Ida was telling me about Jo Ann and
her trip to Sunday School. Wish I could have
seen her while she was there. It reminds me
of when my ^{very} kids ~~were~~ had to be pushed
along. Even she will have to be too after
she gets a little older.

If there were any items that I needed

I'd sure write for them, but there isn't a
thing. Maybe you could send me some color-
back for my hair as it is a little grey in
spots. The critics say though that it is a sign
of distinction and who am I to argue with them
you know it's funny, dad, that with all your
hair and not grey that we boys should have
that sprinkling of it.

Hope everything is fine with you and
don't wait as long as I did to write. Am fine
except after a ball game, and maybe in the
not so distant future we can all be together
again.

Love

Lee

Epl. Leslie E. Anderson, 3757511

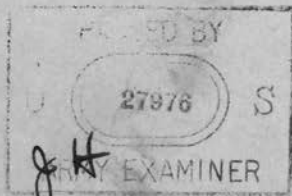
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A.P.O. 556 C/o P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



VIA AIR MAIL



Mrs Oscar Anderson

Box 415

Trouton, Minnesota



Sunday
Aug 5, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad, Sonny,

So far this morning I've gotten off three letters, to Russ, Elton and a kid I know in St. Louis. I really have gotten behind lately, but hope to catch up soon.

Had a letter from Russ this morning and he is still complaining I not enough to do. He doesn't expect to be moving in the near future, and from his letter things are getting pretty G. S. there now. He hasn't seen Sam for a while but said Sam would look him up.

What the number of points are that a person needs to get out is a question. There are quite a few here who have over 85 and still don't know when they will be released. If you were to ask the men in the army I believe you would find out that most of them don't think much of it. Only the army could make a mess of something as they have done with that. Transportation has been their excuse, but that one is getting quite old now. Of course if you were a person with a lot

If Rank you could say I mean and get out from what everyone is told the point system was derived partly by asking the A. I.'s in sort of a fall how it should be worked. I wonder if there were any men in the army who were asked what they thought of it.

Guess you are getting your share of warm weather now, and maybe you will ~~not~~ have a late fall. If you don't, you won't have much of a summer. We have had a little rain here lately and this place can really use it.

Am still playing ball a couple nights a week but haven't done much swimming lately. Still have our outdoor shows and that helps pass the time.

Hope you are all fine and give Mally my regards.

Love,

Doc

Epl. Leslie E. Anderson, 3757511
Hdqs. Co. (Fis. Sec.) C.P.B.C.
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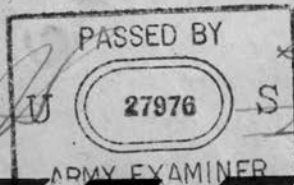
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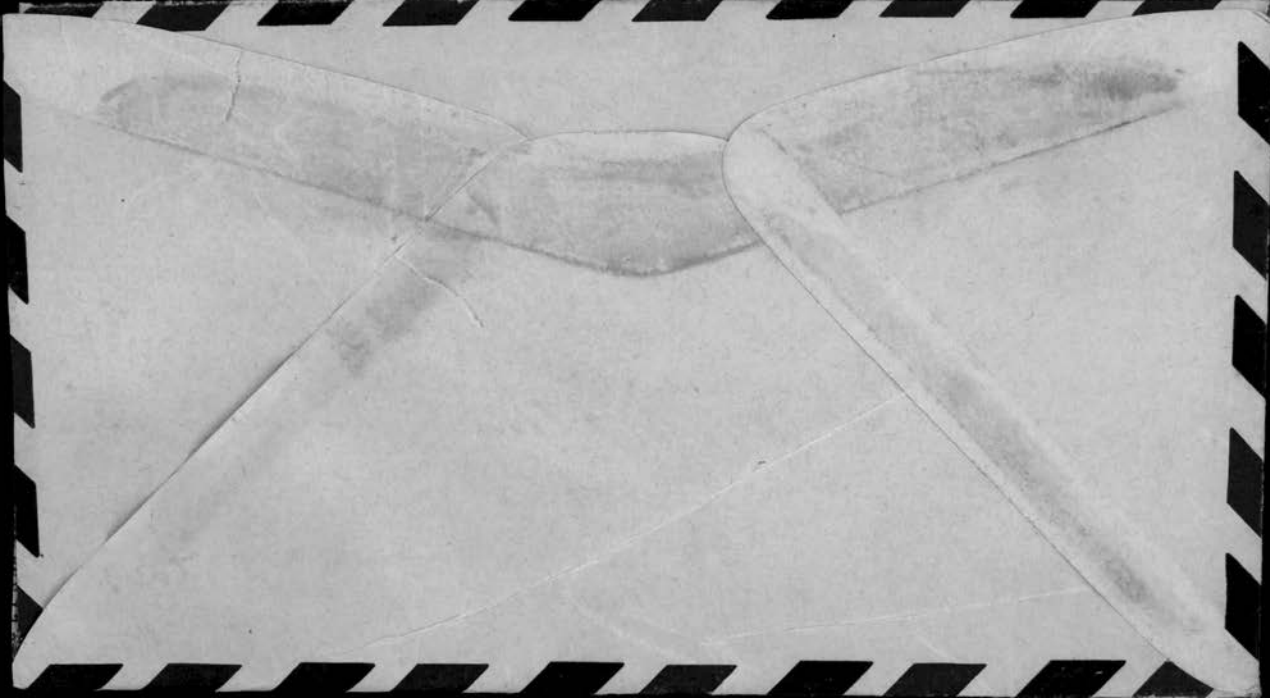
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Ans!

Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. Anderson

Box 415

Renton, Minnesota





Sunday
Aug. 18, 1945

Dear Mother, Glad Done.

Had a letter from Russ yesterday that was dated the 12th. That sure is a long time coming from the Philippines, but it probably went to Trisco first. He has changed S.P. but not location. It is now 128. That happens quite frequently with letters as we find out. He still complains of not enough to do, which I wish I could say. He will be on his way home soon and guess we all will be. It is possible that on his way back he will stop off here and I hope he does. At that time I have to say now that both wars are over.

Everything here is about the same. Play ball a couple nights a week, go swimming when ever it is possible to do so. She had yesterday afternoon off and spent it all at the ocean. I'm getting a real tan (as we say it was going home tan) again after losing what I did have playing baseball. Our baseball team folded up, and we really took a few trouncings before it did. It was just like a terrier and a bull dog, and at times wasn't very enjoyable.

How is the weather there seeing that fall is near. It seems like I've been away for ages and it is only a little over two years. The days are probably real warm and the nights kinda cool. Still there be enough of a fall so that the gardens will yield something. I'll be optimistic again and say that the food shortage won't be as bad as is pictured at the present. I'm still not a New Dealer and after the last few years I'm commencing to wonder what has happened to our democracy. If a little of that could be used in the army it would be a much better organization. Since my mind wandered there a little, but I was comparing the time of talk given the public and what I think. They talk about meat still not being taken off the ration list. I see very little of it so where does it go. Have I been gipping? Just wait til I get home.

Elaine will probably be returning home soon seeing that a lot of the war plants will be shut down, or have already done so. Her letter moved yet. She owes me a letter and the last time she wrote she was undecided. She did say Rummy

was well satisfied with his job and am glad of that.

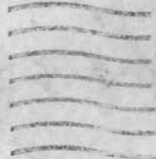
About all for now, and I hope everything is fine there. Tell Miley and Marrel hello and he should be getting to quite a long lay now.

Love,

Lee

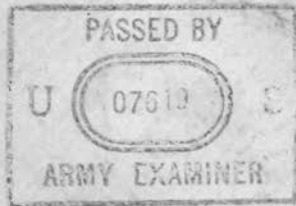
I still haven't forgotten that summer that you want but haven't seen anything that I thought would be a good one. do you have any ideas.

Cpl. Leslie C. Anderson, 3757551
Hq. Co. (Inf. Sec.) C. P. B. Co.
H.P.O. 956 9/6 P.M.
San Francisco, California



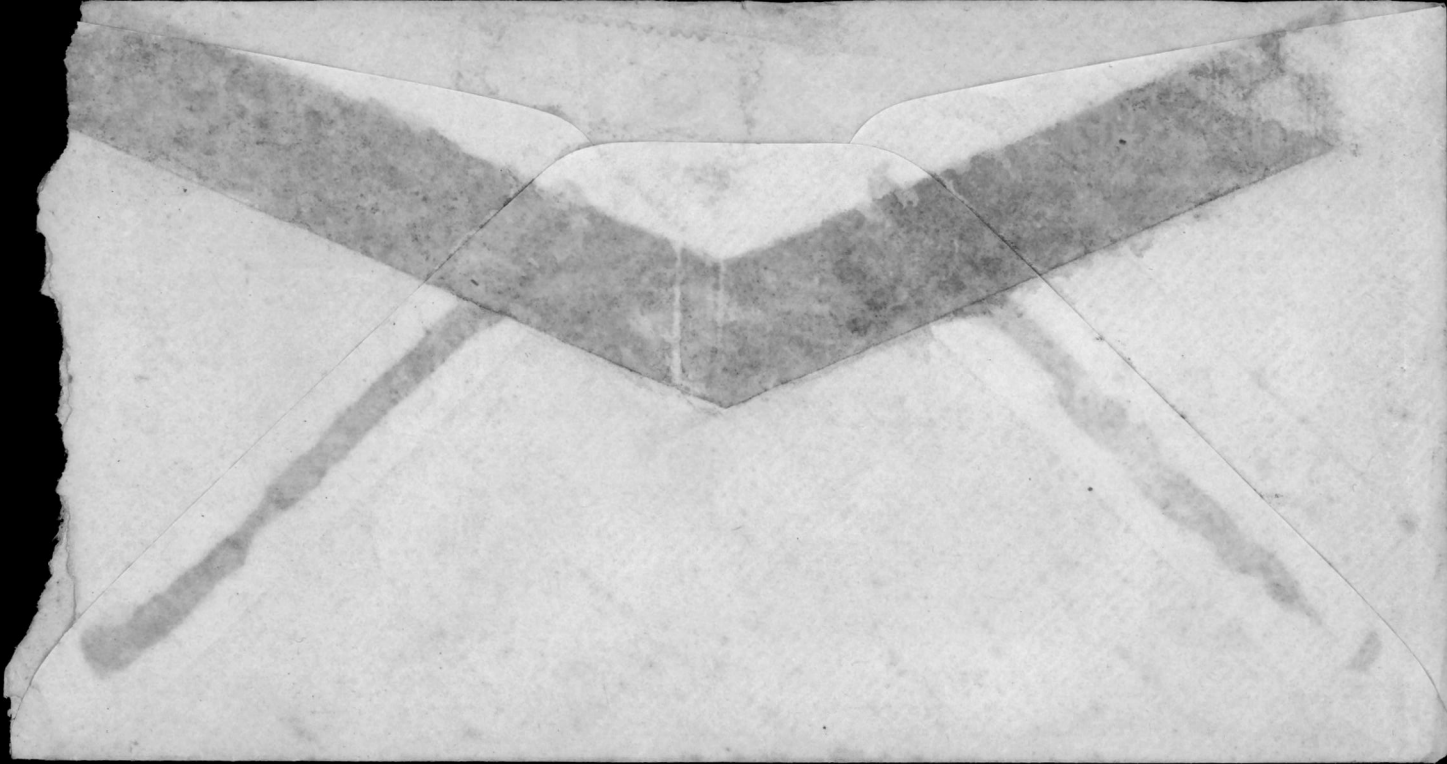
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Mr & Mrs. Oscar L. Anderson
Box 415
Fronton, Minnesota



Tuesday Night
August 28, 1946

Dear Mother Dad + Gene,

In my markings I show that the last letter I wrote to you was on August 5th. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I'm sure I've written since then. The time doesn't go that fast, or at least it doesn't seem to.

Things around here haven't changed a bit, as the ocean is still a ten minute walk ~~from here~~ and so is the ball diamond. That has and guess will be the extent of my travel around here. The work is still the same, and hasn't slowed up any but should slow. As soon as Mr. Arthur tells Washington what to do, and what not to do. He played in a soft ball tournament last week and lost the final game 2-1.

It has been quite some time since I've had a letter from Don. What does he have to say? From the Star & Stripper came the report that 70% of all troops in Europe would be home by Christmas. It wouldn't surprise me if he were already on his way, or will be in the near future. As for myself

I'm not quite so optimistic as it will probably be spring, but knowing the way anything can happen and usually does.

Any fruit yet? If I remember right you were wondering the last time you wrote if things in the garden would ripen or not. Wish I were there now to sneak a nice ripe tomato. Do you think you can spare a spot of ground next summer.

How are Mally and Darrell. Ida writes that he is all boy and is growing fast. She also mentioned being over last week and that Jo home and he had quite a time.

There isn't any thing else I can think of to write about so this will have to be all for now. Give everyone my regards and hope you are all fine.

Love

Luc

Sgt. Leslie E. Anderson, 37575511

HdQRS. Co. (FISCAL SEC.) C.P.B.C.

A.P.O. 956 9/6 P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Mr & Mrs. OSCAR ANDERSON

Box 415

Iron ton, Minnesota



AIR MAIL



HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 956

Tuesday Morning
October 8, 1945
7:00 a.m.

Dear Mother & Dad,

With this new time, or should I say old time back in again I'm still waking up in the morning as though it hadn't changed. Maybe if I were the only one in the barracks I would go back to sleep, but with a few moving around it's impossible to do that. In the evenings it gets dark about six o'clock, which is quite a change since when I first came here.

Guess the marriage didn't surprise me any more than it did you, and I would like to have seen them do it. I do tell me they are going to live in the Harper apartments. They are pretty nice, and as long as they both are working that is all they need. So far I haven't written them, but will have to soon. For a while they won't miss not getting any congratulations but



HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL PACIFIC BASE COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 956

after that they will wonder why they didn't
hear from me.

Had a letter from Russ not so long ago,
and as the censorship has been lifted he was
able to tell me a little of where he has been.
He is eligible to leave now, and should just be
waiting for transportation. It isn't stated that
there is a shortage of shipping but that seems
to be the reason why the men aren't moving from
here any faster. Guess part of it is that the navy
has to show off a little on the 27th first, and don't
think that isn't causing a few gripes among the
men as well as the latest announcement about
releasing men who are surplus in the states. The
reasons given for that are considered a lot looser
out here.

Don't haven't written for quite a while now
but if he is alerted for shipping there is a good



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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
APO 956

reason why he hasn't written.

With the 34th supposedly being sent back to the States next month how could Linn Lylo be sent to Japan. When I wrote Russ about it I asked him where the 34th was. Maybe they will leave directly from Japan, but if they are to leave that move would seem to be a lot of foolishness and McArthur released that they would be going back in November.

Everything here is the same, and one of these days we expect to get out. — At the Army and Navy's convenience. Tell Mally and Harrell hello.

Love,

Les

Sgt. Leslie E. Anderson, 37595811

Hd Qrs. Co. (Fis. Sec.) C.P.B.C.

A.P.O. 956 96 P.M.

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Mr. & Mrs. OSCAR W. Anderson

Box 415

Iron ton, Minnesota



AIR MAIL

Sunday Night
October 21, 1945

Dear Mother & Dad,

The time seems to really go by fast these days. It seems that it was only last week that I wrote to you and actually it is two. Each day though doesn't go very fast, but it is the months that seem to go. Hope they all go that way until I get out of here, then they can go as slow as they wish. I wrote to Russ a short time ago but haven't written to Don as he should be on his way back, as should Russ. The men are really leaving here, but there aren't as many as ~~forth~~ ^{on}. The navy exceeds the army here and a lot of those men have been sent back. At the present men ~~with~~ ⁱⁿ the sixty point bracket are leaving, so probably it won't be long till they hit the forties.

Everything here is the same as usual. We are still getting in a lot of young kids with five or six

months service, the work is still about the same, and still play a little ball. It gets dark about six o'clock now so there isn't much time in the evenings any more. Today I played tennis all morning and was swimming all afternoon. The tennis courts are made out of tar so aren't very good.

The duck hunting had better be good next year and also the fishing next spring. It is just about time for the northern flight to start moving and maybe I will get in on part of it.

Ida said Russ sent Jo Anne a hand made dress. Let she likes to strut around now, and Ida has also been telling me some of the remarks she makes. I guess I'll have to be careful or she will come out with something I won't have an answer for. I sent her a bath-tube for her birthday but now I wonder if it will fit her. It has been taking such a long time lately for packages to get to the states that I wonder if it will get there in time even though I mailed it about the fifth or sixth. I still haven't

forgot that you want a souvenir from here.
you asked me in your last letter what you could
send me for Christmas. You may not like this but
my answer is nothing. There isn't a thing I need, ~~but~~^{but}
if you send some home made candy or cake & cookies
I'll consider that the best you could send me. I've
told her the same thing.

I hope you are all fine and tell
Molly hello for me.

Love

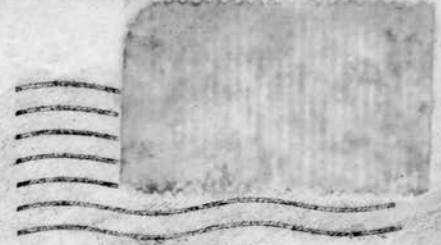
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Sgt. Leslie L. Anderson, 3787511

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.



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Nov. 13

Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON

Box 415

Iron ton, Minnesota



AIR MAIL

November 7, 1945

Dear Mother + Dad,

Even though we have a change of address we haven't moved location. The old outfit was done away with, and some time we are supposed to move to Ft. Shafter which is about ten miles from here. I don't care to move, but when the army says do something you do it. Not much longer though. I hope.

Everything here is about the same and that includes the work. I will lose a few accounts soon which should make it ease up a little. From the rumors we hear the Hawaiian Command is supposed to be cut to pre-war time level. The question arises then as to the definition of pre-war time level. There are too many loop holes to slip out of under the present set up. I was going to put "under the new deal," but don't care for an argument. You will have to admit in right that Truman talks a lot but never says

anything. To much stress in his teeth maybe, but then he should spit it out.

Last Saturday afternoon and this afternoon I was in town and I can't find any salt and pepper shakers that are made here. In California yes, but I'm sure you don't care for them. Unless you have a second choice I'll pick up something. I never realized it but most of the stuff here is made in the states. I'm sending you a couple wooden bowls made from local wood that probably you would like. If you do let me know and I'll send you a couple. They aren't bowls exactly, but sort of tray.

She tells me you have had a little snow and that it has been quite chilly. Don't let it all go before I get back, which shouldn't be too long from now. At least by Christmas of 1946 the way they are fooling around.

What do you hear from Russ & Son. It appears that in Europe they are returning the men according to units and not points. I haven't

heard from either of them, but Russ told me not
to write to him anymore. I heard from Sam last but
I know that if I did write to him it would finally
catch him after he got home.

I guess this will be all for now. Hope you are
all fine and give a hello to Mally and Russell for
me.

Love,

Sam

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Sgt. Leslie E. Anderson, 375511

Hdqs. Co. A. F. (Mid. Pac. (R.E)

A.P.O. 958 9/10 P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Mr & Mrs OSCAR ANDERSON
Box 415

Iron ton, Minnesota

AIR MAIL

Sunday Night
November 18, 1925

Dear Mother & Dad,

I received the letter you wrote, Dad, but I'll answer both yours and Mother's at the same time. Don't believe I'd be able to find enough to write about for two letters.

Things here are the same, and we still haven't moved, and it doesn't look like we will for some time yet. Maybe I'll be able to spend the balance of my time here. With the army's latest maneuver it doesn't look like I'll be leaving here till February and I'd be willing to place a bet on that. Can't say as I cared much about the latest developments as it means those in the states will get out with less time and points than those of us out of the states. The more they

discharge back there the larger figures (after a little padding) they can give the public. The army isn't passing up anything you saw bet on that. Can't see any way that I can get home for this Christmas, but it will be the last one I'll spend away from home.

Isn't that seven day dear season kinda short or am I forgetting what the season has been. The snow that fell should help a lot providing that it stays which is doubtful. I'll be satisfied to see the snow a foot or so deep which it should be the later part of February. This weather gets monotonous after a while, and lately we have been getting quite a bit of rain.

Russ, Elton & Elaine will all come home about the same time, as both Russ & Elton should be on their way by now. They will be glad to

get out of the army and after the time they have spent in it, probably never want to hear that name mentioned again.

I quite agree with you on the strikes and especially the anticipated one at the mines. All hog or none, and in the long run they will be just cutting their own throats. Yes, the New Deal really gave the unions the big head. No comments.

Pretty soon the lights will have to go out so guess I'd better bring this to a close. Hope you are all fine, and give my regards to Kelly and Laurel.

Love

Les

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S/Sgt. Leslie E. Anderson, 37595511

Hdqs. Co. A.F. (Mid. Pac. (R.F.)

A.P.O. 958 G.O. P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Mr & Mrs. OSCAR W. ANDERSON

Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota

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AIR MAIL



Sunday
December 16, 1945

Dear Father + Mom, Russ + Elaine,

I received your letter today, Russ and am glad to know that you are back in circulation. I didn't miss your undervaluing the Mr. The way things are going I should leave here in February, but knowing the army nothing would surprise me. Everyone who is eligible has left here and have been gone since before the first. Those with fifty to fifty five are leaving Wednesday so they will be back in the states about the first. Quite a few men from Guam, Saipan and a couple other islands around there have been coming here on L.S.T.'s and take bigger ships from here. At present there are only a few hundred waiting for shipping. So you see once a person becomes eligible here he moves out pretty much in a hurry.

Just had a letter from this kid in Manila and he said they were shipping men with 60 points

from there on the 7th so they went much behind us.
The ~~the~~ War Department though is reluctant to make
more men eligible even though they say there are more
boats than men to put on them. Retention of command
is all that bothers the big boys, and they run Congress
so it doesn't do any good to beat your gums.

Nothing here has changed except we are getting
a few more brass and some civilians are coming
in to take over. Last week a C.P.S. came in drawing
about four hundred to replace a T.S. At least they
both are and were doing the same job. Since we
have become Mid. Pac. our office hasn't moved like the
others have. ~~the~~ An. I.S.S. outfit (39th ^{me}) moved in and
~~we~~ are quartered and rationed by them. It looks like
the war isn't over for them as they still have
close order drill and other such stuff.

The weather here has been quite chilly lately
so we have to use a blanket at night. It's been
about three weeks since we have swimming. Very few
days go by that we don't have rain.

Have heard that the mine will go on strike
January 1st unless they get their two dollar a day
raise. No comments except it will be interesting to
see how it turns out. With all the cold weather
that you are having it probably isn't any to
nice working any way. The papers here report it as
being good and cold, but no temperatures are given.

Then this will have to be all for now. There
is so much to write about you know. Well, Merry
Christmas, and a wet New Year's Eve. With the exception
of being a little impatient, I'm fine and hope you are
the same.

Love

Lee

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3/sgt. Leslie E. Anderson, 3757511

Hdqrs. Co. A.F. (Mid. Pac. Fiscal Div. (R.E.)

A.P.O. 958 4/0 P.M.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Mr. & Mrs. OSCAR ANDERSON

Box 415

Ironton, Minnesota



AIR MAIL

Monday Night
January 14, 1946

Dear Mother, Dad, Russ, Elaine,

I have three letters from you all about a week apart, and if I were to answer each one separately & would have to use carbon paper they would be that much alike.

Things here haven't changed much except what you have read in the papers, and from the news that is world wide. Tomorrow should give us some idea of how long it will be before we can leave here and that is the main reason for the meetings. When you said, Mother, that Fred Hazelind knew when he was leaving he was just guessing as there isn't a person who could tell two months in advance what the army was going to do. From Eisenhower's last statement I won't be here after March 20th, but I'm looking for a better break than that now. Men leave from here about ten days before they become eligible so they will be in the states when they are.

Our meals over Christmas & New Years were good, and the turkey legs looked like small hams. Regardless of what it is you can't get away from army cooking. By the way Russ, a fire three grade mess was opened up here today with a five dollar a month charge. Two and a half for the balance of this month, but we may move our office to Fort Shafter (about ten miles away) so maybe the mess won't do us much good.

How does it feel to go back to work Russ, especially when there isn't that army feeling there. From the looks of things now it looks like the strike will be averted. New Years Eve must have been a blur around there. As for myself I spent a very quiet one and that went for Christmas too. With the exception of a beer now and then I haven't had anything to drink since I left home last March. I'll have to have a little medicine when ^{at} home to keep the cold out.

What is the matter with the fishing, can't

you hit them, Dad. I was hoping to get back in time to get a little in and may yet make it. If not I'll be home to visit Little Pine as soon as the season opens. I always did have pretty good luck there, both with mosquitoes and fish. Milau should be good soon, and maybe the fish are teething now.

I found a set of shakers for you, Mother, and will send them after I get something else I have in mind.

For now this will have to be all. Am fine and hope you are the same.

Love

Lee

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Mom

Be sure to
call the kids
tomorrow C-D won't

AIR MAIL

"Een"

Feb 23, 1946

Dear Mom & Dad,

Tonight is the last night here as tomorrow we leave on the U.S.S. Meryweather. She don't know what kind of ship it is except it must be quite large as it is hauling two thousand of us. Just so it isn't too slow.

Still see you soon.

Love
Luc