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[1941] Wednesday P.M.

Dear Marjorie,

Still in Dad's own country, I am writing you by lamplight — today was a half-holiday so work on our tent hasn't progressed appreciatively. I have just loafed the day away playing a little football, drinking a little beer from our new PX on wheels and reading Herman ~~By~~ Being — a very idyllic day, nein?

I haven't received any mail beyond yours and Mother's original letters and one of Dad's. I expect there must be quite a bit of mail for me floating around the post somewhere. It's awful but I haven't written

a word to anyone except
you and the folks since
I left home - I'll never
catch up. I haven't the heart
to start in tonight. ~~to~~

The British in office
and the Russians seem to be
doing pretty well - Godspeed
them. It looks as though
we won't be doing much of
importance around here for
about a month. First
Sergeant Felts said we wouldn't
begin radio work until
January - the "old guard"
is gradually filtering out on
furloughs of various lengths
and camp-life is in a state
of flux

I wonder what we should
do about Christmas. It
seems a terrific expense

for you all to come down here and just see me for two or three days and I should think it would be hard to situate ourselves.

I understand that the arrangement for those not getting furloughs is that they are given a three-day pass, which, after its expiration, can be renewed for another three days by coming back to the camp and getting it. That's only hearsay, however. We have a long time to worry about all that.

I took an open-air shower today in cold water. I sometimes wonder if

they're not trying to make
a "rugged" outfit out of
us or something like that.
Will all be a lot of Daniel
Somes if this keeps up.

Morale here seems an
awful lot better than that
of soldiers in more
luxurious locations - there
is so much less crowding
and feeling of regimentation -
we're a great deal more on
our own.

Is Shubaygan being
nice to you? Don't let the
Dutchmen get you down.

Love,
Robert.