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Dear Miss Loving,

I'm on a writing spree tonight, trying to answer some of the 125 or so letters I've received in the past week. The bulk of it was old mail from back in Dec. & Jan. catching up to me. I finally heard from Wayne and felt much better because I had become pretty worried about him. He said I missed a rough 3 weeks and not to hurry back. I was hoping they'd get a rest after Colmar was taken but [I] see by the papers that they're back with the 7th Army now on this attack on the Saar Basin. This war has fooled me a good many times & in a good many ways. I thought it would be fought out this side of the Rhine but doesn't look like it. Don't see how it could go on much longer but have quit predicting. Crossing the Rhine should be plenty tough because its swift & wide. I saw it quite a bit up around Strasbourg and decided then and there that I'd rather not be around when that is done.

I'm glad you stopped by to see the folks. They were sure glad to see you. Guess you know about the "addition" by now. She was born Feb. 12. Mom missed it because she went back home & a couple days after she left the baby was born. Then she got sick & Dad got sick so she wasn't able to go back up for a while.

Guess my arm is getting some better because I can use it quite a bit more. I can do practically anything with it within the limits of what I can bend or straighten it but any sudden move in which it hits the limit either way and it really hurts. I touched a hot pipe yesterday & jerked my arm away and boy did it hurt. I'll try to show you by a sketch just how much I can bend & straighten it. A normal arm moves like this [drawing that shows arm can move about 135°]. Mine is about like this [drawing that shows arm can only move 60° and only between 80° and 160°]. That looks like Chinese writing I know but it really isn't.

How did the expedition to Miss Elliot's cabin come out? I'll have to see that place when I get back. I've heard a lot about it.

I just re-read your letters & the postscripts I've received from you in the last week. You'd better slow down Sallie. You're trying to do too many things. My trouble has always been that

I've always had so many irons in the fire I couldn't do a good job on any one thing. Some people can do that but I'm not versatile enough. The boys in class '42 will never forget all you've done for us. I bet we're the best informed class in regard to our class mates that ever finished Washington Lee & that's only because of your letters & postscripts.

I'm sure glad you stopped to see the folks. They wrote about it & said they were really glad to see you. A year ago we were home on furlough & Wayne was hobbling with a smashed big toe. Remember? Better close for now.

Love,

Wendell