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Dear Miss Loving,

I'm Sorry I haven't written sooner, but time is very precious around here. Honestly, I've never been so busy in all my life. I'm on the go over 17 hours a day, and that is not near enough time to get all my work done. Every little second is put to use. To top it all our restrictions and everything along the military line have become very severe. They even tell us a special way that we must tie our shoes. If you are caught with a button unbuttoned at any time, you are restricted for the weekend. After a week of hard work, those weekends are valuable. I have found it necessary to study most of Sunday, in order to keep my work any where near up to date. So you see that if you hear reports that I am bad with my writing, there is a cause behind it. I owe several letters including one to the Bloomingburgs & to Lyman. I'm going to write this weekend, if it takes me all of Saturday night.

Getting back to the brighter side of life, everything seems to be going O.K. with me, even though I am rushed around. I haven't heard from Claude in several months. I did hear from Sam a few weeks ago. He is still in England as far as I know. Your little paper was really good. I appreciated it greatly. I'm going to try to get in touch with some of the old '42'ers. By the way, last Saturday I bumped into Bob Brewer down town – him out of 8 million New Yorkers. He is in the ASTP at Manhattan College, just a few miles from me. That makes it swell having an old friend around. Also there is a boy in my squad that went to W-L in '39 & '40 – Robert Robinson – do you remember him? He was transferred to a school in [illegible] in 1940.

Well, I guess I had better get ready for our nightly inspection. Thanks again for the paper – give my regards to everyone.

Lovingly,

“Jake”

P.S. Your letter was delayed a couple days reaching me because my company has been changed to Co. B & the Section to Sec. 8

P.P.S. We fall outside for a roll call at 5:45 A.M. – at that time it is, seemingly, below 0° F. (actually only 25° F.)