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Letter from Belgium, January 5, 1945

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5 January 1945
Belgium

Dear Mom, Dad & Ed;

Just a few lines tonight to let you know how I'm getting along. At present I have a bit of a sore throat and a dry cough, aside from being a bit annoying, it doesn't hurt. I imagine I caught a slight cold.

At present we are enjoying (?) a bit of winter - snow, icy winds, freezing temperatures and icy roads. Recently I had the misfortune of one of my boys getting himself killed on an icy road when this vehicle rolled over on him. Driving is quite hazardous especially in hilly country. I was sorry to hear of Alfred

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physical defect and his inability to pass the army physical. I surely hope it doesn't have any ill effect on his walking in later years. Of course I'm glad with you, that he won't have to get mixed up in this mess - it never is a picnic and certainly isn't the kind of a life you would pick of your own choosing.

I ended up the Old Year right, by attending old years services, but have been too busy after that to think much of this being the New Year 1945. Time really flies - just think I left the state in 1943 and here it's 1945 already.

I got quite a kick out

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of a letter from Genevieve when she expressed her hopes for my getting one of those furloughs home on the rotation plan now in effect - so I wrote and told her if the war lasted ~~until~~ long enough I'd get mine in the year 1985.

Officers kind of take a back seat when it comes to such things as leaves. However we are sending one man home on this plan and he will be home thirty days just like Willard. Certainly was nice he could come home again - too bad he couldn't be there the same time Roy was there.

Received another box from Myrna of candy and Almond bars

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Also one from
Genevieve of
Candy and Stationery. Haven't
the box from you of cigars
hasn't arrived as yet.

Henry and V. sent some
pictures of Johnny so I could
see how he grew but those
of Sharon didn't turn out. So
I still don't know how my
newest niece looks like.

Sometime I wish you folks
would take some pictures and
send them to me.

Must close now - Hope this
finds you all enjoying good
health
with Love
Your Son
Ralph