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## Letter from Fort Lewis, Washington, January 24, 1943

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Jan 24, 1943  
St Louis, W<sup>mo</sup>

Dear folks;

You asked in your last letter how the weather is up here. Well I can tell you that you aren't the only ones having cold weather. Last Tuesday it started with a bang the thermometer dropped well below freezing and we had a regular snow storm. It snowed plenty and stormed for two days. Traffic was at a standstill and all the big stores and factories were closed down and they didn't open again until yesterday afternoon. So you see we also have been having our cold weather.

Last evening we got our last group of recruits in from Ft. Mead, Maryland. A group of a hundred and seventeen of this number only one has reached the ripe old age of 21 yrs. They are all practically kids yet and many of them don't even shave yet. However they are the cleanest bunch of fellows we have gotten.

We were told this past week that we are going to Yakima for three weeks around March first. It will be plenty rough out there again out in the open.

I suppose you have been very busy this past week with your butchering. Gosh how I would like to taste some

fresh "kue-haam" & "Balkeam  
Bue" (I guess you won't understand  
that since I haven't learned  
how to spell the dutch language,  
but you know what I mean).

Well I havent much news  
this week so I will just close  
hoping you are all well  
as Ham - I'm glad to  
hear you are feeling better  
again, Mom -

Love  
Ralph