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Letter from Yakima, Washington, December 13, 1942

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December 13,
Yakima, Wa

Dear folks;

Sunday noon and almost time for dinner so I'll start this letter and I might get it finished sometime this afternoon. Was very glad to get both of your letters and to hear everything is going all right. June wrote and said that Alfred was going to stay there until spring and work in the garage - I bet Alfred likes that.

Also heard that Vernon has a paper route now. How do you like it Vernon? How much do you make a week and how many customers do you have

Had a nice long letter from V. & Penny too yesterday. They certainly are getting along fine. I had them do a little Christmas shopping for me. I'm having an awful time

to get any done here. Last night
I had a night off again - first
one since Thanksgiving so I
managed to get Henry's gift.
But it was late before I got into
town so that was all I was able
to get before it closed. So I hope to
get some ~~things~~^{few} for the kids next week.

My cold isn't quite as bad as it
has been - cough doesn't bother me so
much anymore. By the way Mom, I
bought myself a sweater so I do manage
to keep myself warm.

This past week I got a box
of Candy & toilet articles from Trinity
Sunday School, and another box from
the Presbyterian Church at Vinton so
I have been getting plenty of sweets
this past week.

We will be here for just one
more week - and all this week

we spend in winding up affairs
around here. We actually move on
Sunday so I imagine will be
especially busy for the next two weeks.
We are going to Ft Lewis which is
near Tacoma in Puget Sound Area.
We don't expect to do any firing this
last week since we had our 3rd
Muzzel burst yesterday - again no
one was hurt, but we may not always
be so fortunate.

I suppose this may be the last letter
I'll have a chance to write home before
Christmas so I just wish you all
a merry Christmas - I'll be thinking
of you

Love
Ralph