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Monday Night
7/12/43

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Landolt,

Really, I didn't mean for it to be this long before my next letter, but you'd have to blame Uncle Sam. As Lavinia has probably told you this old man is keeping me pretty busy. I could go into long details about my work but I'm afraid it would end up by being very boring, so I won't tell you about it — ask Lavinia.

I could easily write pages about a week in the field. Yes, I could tell about sleeping in water and freezing as I slept. Then, too, I could describe the feeling of eating Army "K" and "C" rations if we were given ^{to eat it?} time. Yes, and washing it down with a little water as possible —



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we had one canteen full each twenty-four hours. And, finally, I could tell of the firing of the 105 mm Howitzer — for my second time. But I'm sure you wouldn't be interested in such boring stories of this army life.

Then, too, I'm sure I couldn't make you believe that I went one week without washing my face, except for a shave from a helmet. Nor would you believe that I took a shower from a mobile bath system sent to us by the quartermaster, in very cool weather. Nor that I wore the same wet clothes for one solid week. Yes, I can't believe that I've done the things I have in the last three months.

I'll just wait till I see you to tell you about my Army experiences.



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Sometimes ago I received a box from
the church and I have neglected to
write my appreciation. I wish that
you would pass on ^{my thanks} to those responsible
for it. It's little remembrances
like that make living this Army a
little easier. I'm real busy
fellow in the service just as I do
about — ~~indeed~~ very grateful. Thanks
a million.


One of the hardest things for a fellow
to do in this man's Army is to keep
up his church attendance. There is
always something to interfere — K. P.,
guard duty and a million other things.
However, it is a greater task to
keep one's self on the right moral
keel — if you get what I mean.
I've been lucky this far and I've



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kept my course and with the inspiration
I have I shall always be able to keep
my head above water. There is
no person in the world, who has a
more wonderful woman to make him
work hard and inspire him than
I do. I shall always do everything
I can to make Savina proud of
me. 

When you read this to the Young
People's use your judgement on what
should be left out. — you know
which I would want. Tell everyone
that I think of them often and
I wish them the best of luck.
I really miss Young Peoples.

Yours
Allie