

Pierce City, Mo.  
February 27, 1945.

Dear Hubert,

I shall start you a letter this <sup>late</sup> afternoon while David and Karen are finishing their afternoon naps. I am rather slow with my letter writing.

We hope that by now you have received word that ~~when~~ and I were blessed with a healthy daughter at seven - forty - five - on Monday, February 12. She is a big girl; she weighed 9 lb. 10 oz. This last Sunday (Feb. 25) she weighed 9 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> lb. We have named her Karen Alice. She is quite a bit larger than David was. We think she will be light complexioned. Her hair is much lighter than David's was, and she does not have as much. We have hopes that it will be curly. So far, her eyes are blue. Some think they will be blue, and some think they will be brown. I say that time will tell.

David sure is proud of his little sister. He goes up to the basket and peeks at her. When I am ~~in~~ nursing her, he comes up and kisses her on the head. He says to me "Mommy, I like Baby. Mommy like Baby? I kiss Baby. Mommy kiss Baby. Baby's sweet." When people ask him if they can take the Baby home, he has his answer of "No" all ready for them.

Karen was born in the Springfield Ozark Osteopathic Hospital. Dr. Hazell took Alvin and I up there in his car. Alvin and Lorene came up with Max Fossett in the ambulance and got Karen and I on Thursday afternoon. The hospitals are so full, that I was glad to come home so soon.

We plan to have Karen baptized on Palm Sunday. I haven't fully decided, but we are talking of having as Karen's sponsors her Grandmother & Grandfather Nelson, and her Aunt Lorene.

Last Thursday when Alvin went in to Monet's, he went to the telegraph office and wanted to send you and Verner each a cablegram telling about Karen. He was able to send Verner one as we had gotten his new address, but they had no code for your A.P.O. number. Now that your folks have your new address (last Friday), we are going to try and send you a cablegram the next time Alvin goes to town. The telegraph office said that they couldn't guarantee the delivery of the cablegram, but we thought we would try, at least.

Rev. Stuenkel was here awhile ago. He said that he had received a V-mail from you which he thought was written on February 16. In it you had mentioned

that you had seen combat ~~and~~ and that you had lost your prayer book and testament. We often have wondered of late whether or not you boys were seeing combat. Our prayer, Hubie, is that the Lord will spread His all protecting arms over you and protect you from harm and danger. May the Lord give you strength and comfort all the time. May this terrible warfare soon cease, and all you boys return to your dear homes.

We had two V-mail letters from Verner yesterday. He wrote us that he was now in Germany. We figure he too has seen combat, even though he didn't mention the fact.

Frank is still in Georgia, but he expects to be sent overseas before long. Since Christmas he has not been in the Medics but has been in the M.A.M. (Medium Automotive Maintenance). He helps repair and work on motors etc. He said that he believed he had gone from the cleanest job to the dirtiest job in the army. Elda and her Dad. went down to Frank last week. They left Wed. nite. and got there Thurs nite. Her Dad was coming back this week. But Elda's plans when she

left were to stay a couple weeks.  
They wanted to rent an apartment  
while she was down there.

No doubt the girls have written  
you that Martin Kreuzers had a  
telegram Feb. 22, telling that Vernon  
had been seriously wounded on Feb. 2.

Alvin's "mamma pigs" are having  
pigs now in this ~~ful weather~~.  
had nine pigs last nite but at noon  
today Alvin said she had mashed two.  
The other two "mammias" are still  
promising, he said.

Since Sunday we have been having  
blizzard like weather. Yesterday morning  
we had sleet and freezing rain so we  
have a thicker coat of it than when  
you boys were home. Since noon  
it has snowed most of the time. The  
temperature was twenty degrees last nite.

Yesterday and today Alvin has been  
hauling manure on the wheat as the  
ground is frozen and he can get on it.

Our chickens have let up in their egg  
production. We are getting around 70 or so.  
Our chickens have done well, we think.  
They laid us a lot of eggs when the prices  
were the highest. Now the gov. has put a  
ceiling on what you call <sup>it</sup> or eggs so the  
price is only 30¢ per dozen.

It is now supper time and I am just  
a little bit tired too.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
and keep you safe, both in soul and body.

Love, Alvin, Alice, David, and Karen.