

Tuesday afternoon March 13th 1945
at Vera's office Camp Crowder, Mo.

My Dear P. F. C. you're doing all right and more power to you! I manage to get around a little too. but no chance for a rating for anyone who is just loafing. Ha. Brother, yesterday was a "red letter day" at our house. with 4, wonderful letters from you dear. They were very encouraging and gave us all a big lift. Thanks, to you for such fine letters - you are a peach to keep us so well informed about yourself. Your meeting with Chaplin Grappetin is indeed a thrill for us but not too much of a surprise. Since Mildred Matledge, had told us Grappetin's A. P. O. is No. 3, same as yours and she felt pretty sure you were close together. She wrote Chap. Grappetin and sent him your address. But he probably hasn't received that letter yet. I think she also wrote you about it. I'm glad you got that rest period even if you didn't think you had deserved it yet. No doubt, you have been thru a plenty since then. But, with boys like you in the great final blows our Armies can't help but win the victory soon. Our prayers daily go out for your continued protection with renewed confidence that the Lord will see you safely thru every conflict. Gee, I'm glad you finally got at least a few letters and especially that some of the first were from Doris for I'm sure no one else's letters could do as much for your morale. Ha Ha.

I suppose it will take awhile, yet before you get our packages. I mailed you the one to say that we fixed up Sunday, on account of because we missed the mail man at home yesterday. It contains 1, can of cookies, 1 can peanut brittle, candy, 1, can sardines (isn't it funny we had already thought of the sardines our little selves - and then yesterday in one of your letters you asked for some.) Besides the above mentioned we put in 2 large Hershey bars - and a small can of soda, in case you should be making pancakes again - ha ha. We also wanted to send a little Baking powder - soda, is really to be used with sour milk and baking powder with sweet milk, then we had a bright idea and put in a box of chocolate pudding powder - in case you got a hold of some milk you could make the pudding - but, the box got too heavy and we had to take it and the baking powder out. Maybe we'll try it again next time. Now I'll tell you how come I am down here with Vera, Mr. & Mrs. Burkholder and Mrs. Graham spent the day down home yesterday and they gave me a ride to Neosho - Vera had been wanting me to come see her - so that was a nice chance and I am enjoying my stay with her - I come here to camp about noon and she took me to lunch at the "mess hall" & it was fun and gave me an idea of how you've been eating. I am in the office with Vera, now - Boy, she is quite a little business gal, and you ought to hear her give out orders. Hope she doesn't want to censor this letter ha ha. I'm really proud of her. Just as I am of you. I think it's about time to leave the office so I'll be saying so long. God bless you dear brother,
Your ever loving sis, Leona