

Feb. 10, 1937

Dear Aunt Mary

This flood seems like a dream. We had to move from our home on Fri. Jan. 21. We moved up to Joe's and Sunday we had to move from Joe's. We tried to get to Jeffie but we were hemmed in by the water. We could not get to Jeffie and we had to stay at a Baptist Church at 3rd and Lee. We slept on hard benches. Monday night Jeff came for us and he look like a angel. I think we all cried. Oh I saved the dog and we took him with us. We went up to Jeffie and I stayed. Monday Feb 2 I is come
Sis

in with father Betty and I came
back with them. Boy did I have fun.
I am still there. Last night we
called up Jeff last night and they are
all. Dad, Mom, Joe, Nancy and the
kids at Jeff's. Jeff and Margaret
are up at Margaret's mother's house.
I did get down to our house and
the water went 3 inches of the ceiling
on the first floor. Also it was 3 inches
on his floor. And so and so much
relieved. We go to Mass and Holy
Communion every morning. I got
your letter today dated Jan 24
and 28. Dad has gone back to work
and Joe starts today. That is
about all the news.

your nephew
that is a
Refugee
George Canary Jr.
Miss Nancy

Sony
left
army ^{Nov 2, 1942}
at Columbus
changed to
San Antonio
Left " " " on Feb 20
for Sweetwater
average field
changed
to -
a camp
in marsh
in marsh
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to Harlingen
as an army

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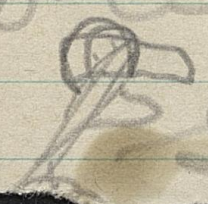
Write if you can
love from
your sister Katie
and
Johnny

P.S. Mary Mamma
said to ask you if
the note paper she
sent you is alright
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you write also if
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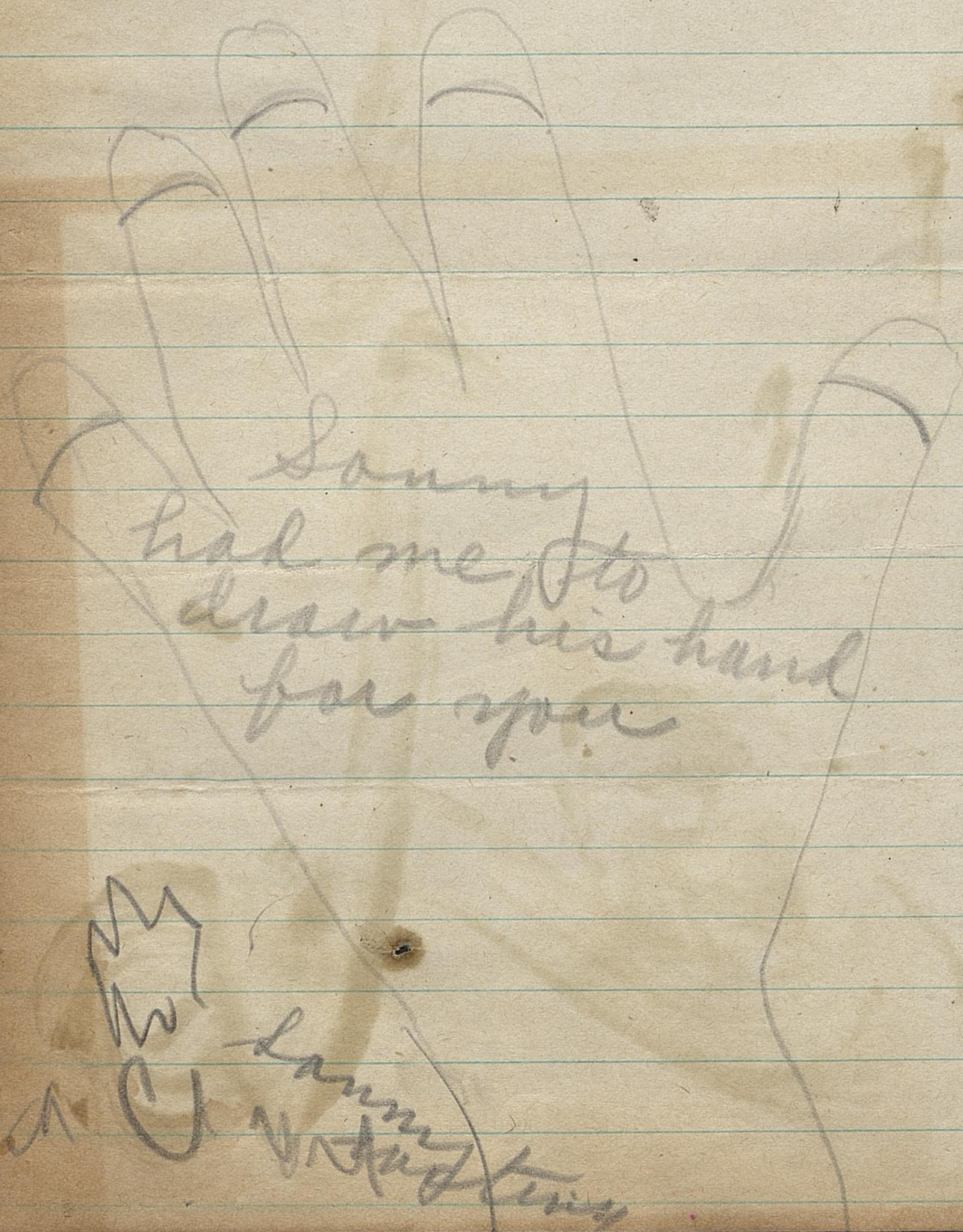
I want you
 to tell Sam
 Claus to bring
 me a toy

Samy wrote
 this while I
 quilled his
 hand.



S. S. S.

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our New Church the
Holy Cross.



Sanny
had me to
draw his hand
for you

W
A C Sanny
V. M. J. J.

Hello Aunt
Mary!



Just returned

from New York and
had a gay time. I
was in all the nights
and most of the show.
Call Peanuts a Mom
for all the details. Don't
think I will be here
much longer and still
have high hopes of being
stationed close to home.

Please pray that I
will get close to home.

FROM Capt D.W. Ganam
15113242 201 Sgt 445
Post Co (A) FT. DENTON
AAB - New Jersey

FT. DENTON
JUL 28
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1945
N. J.

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I hate to leave
some of my buddies
but a couple
might go
name please that
do. Please sir.
we need more.
The 13th is
coming

July
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TO -

Sister John Maria  
St. Joseph Infirmary  
Louisville Ky



"RETREAT" AT CAMP ATTERBURY, IND.

Cpl George Germany 15113742  
101 Sgt 445 Amb Regt  
FT. Det AAB, New Jersey

Dear Aunt Mary,

Well - I'm sure  
now that we're not  
going overseas and a  
good chance I might be  
stationed very close to  
home - perhaps - Basman  
Hill. Pray that I will do  
this. Won't be here very  
long. Please write  
soon

This card furnished service men by  
the Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

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Sister John Maria  
St. Joseph  
Infirmary  
Louisville,  
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SISTER JOHN MARIA  
ST. JOSEPH INFIRMARY  
LOUISVILLE, KY  
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JAN 27 1944

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CPL. GEORGE CANARY  
SENDER'S NAME

701 50th St. EMB GR H  
SENDER'S ADDRESS

APO 634, POST MASTER  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

JAN 25, 1944  
DATE

Some where in England

Dear Aunt Mary,  
I'm awful sorry that I haven't written to you much sooner but Uncle keeps us pretty busy over here. I know that you understand and will excuse me. I recieved a letter from you the other day and was glad to hear that you are well on the road to recovery. Mom explained to me whay you didn't write in the season before Christmas. I hear from bis about once a week and from my wife and Mom, about every day. Some days, like today, we don't recieve mail but it is very rare not to get any. You have no idea of how much we look forward to mail from home. Any sort of news we are hungry for over here.

Tonight, I have to work all nite long and we went on duty at 8 am this morning. Do this about three times each week and have to work 24 hours straight through. Funny, we don't mind this at all for we all know and understand that there is a war to be won. Today, I was driving along in a jeep and pick up two little English kids who had never had a ride in a jeep before. They were shure thrilled and got a big kick out of it. Next week some time, I'm going down to London and see all of the sights. I've already visited Cambridge the town of 19 colleges. I intended to see all of the towns that I can. English people have many different customs than we do. Since I've been over here, caught the tea habit and have to have my afternoon tea each day. I've been lucky so far and haven't missed Mass once on account of duty. Well, I will close this for now. God bless you.

Sonny

V-MAIL

WED. NOV. 15TH  
ENGLAND

DEAR AUNT MARY,  
FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON, TONIGHT I HAVE A BIT OF  
SPARE TIME. SO THOUGHT IT BEST THAT I POUNDED OUT A OVER- DUE  
LETTER TO YOU. I'M SURE YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS SO LONG  
IN BETWEEN MY LETTERS. SEEMS AS IF SOMETHING NEW COMES UP EACH  
DAY TO SWALLOW UP WHAT LITTLE FREE TIME I DO HAVE. I HAD A VERY  
ENJOYABLE TIME IN SCOTLAND AND WISH TO GO BACK AGAIN SOME DAY.  
NO NEED TO GO INTO DETAILS OF MY TRIP FOR I'M SURE THAT MOM HAS  
TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT MY ADVENTURES IN ABERDEEN. I WROTE A LONG  
ACCOUNT TO THE FAMILY ABOUT THE TRIP AND THEY ARE STILL RAVING  
ABOUT THE BIG TIME STYLE I Poured FORTH.

TO DO AWAY WITH THE DEPRESSING MOOD OF BEING  
OVERSEAS, I TRY TO ESCAPE IN THE WAY OF JOURNALISM. THIS TOO, I'M  
SURE MOM HAS INFORMED YOU ALL ABOUT. THE SPECIAL SERVICES OF THIS  
GROUP HAS COOKED UP A FOOTBALL TEAM TO BOSILER THE LOW EBB OF  
MORALE. IN THE INTEREST OF THE HOME FRONT AND TO PRESENT THE  
HUMAN ANGLE OF THIS WAR, I COVER ALL SUCH GAMES IN THE ROLE OF A  
SCRIBE. COURSE THIS IS RIGHT UP MY ALLEY, COMING FROM A LONG LINE  
OF NEWS PAPER MEN. I HAVE GREAT PLANS TO TAKE UP THE TRADE OF  
MY FAMILY AND MAKE SOME SORT OF A NAME FOR MYSELF IN THE WORLD OF  
JOURNALISM. YOU MAY LAUGH AT THIS CHILDISH AMBITION OF MINE BUT  
I TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN LOLLING MY MIND IN THE POST WAR PLANS OF  
NEWS PAPER WORK. ANOTHER FELLOW AND I, TURN OUT A WEEKLY SMALL  
NEWS PAPER FOR THE S-2 PERSONNEL AND THE FELLOWS ALL RAVE ABOUT IT.

Sat Sept 25

Dear Aunt Mary,

I'm still on night duty and I'm about through for today. My relief should be here at any time for it is now 7:30 a.m. Peanuts and I went over to the town of Fremont Nob the other day when I had a 24 hour pass. We had a lot of fun there and stayed overnite. This air base is really in the sticks and the only way to get from one place to another is by the G.I. trucks. Laveron gets a big kick out of riding in the army trucks.

Scribner Air Base is entirely camouflaged with nets etc. It is really something to see. Peanuts will tell you all about it when she comes home. As you know by now, I'm going to England in a very short time. I think that is one place that you have never visited. Ever place that I've been you had also seen but I'm on up on you this time. I suppose this will be my only chance to see some of the world. I don't mind it so much, just the thought of



being so far away from my sweet little wife and Mom. I don't want any of you all to worry about me for God will protect me and will send me back home again very soon. This war will be over in a very short time and I'm proud that I can do my little bit to help win final victory forever.

It is quite safe in England and my outfit will be far behind the lines & combat no matter where I go. As you know, it's a long range bomber outfit and operates from bases hundreds of miles away from the actual fighting. I'll be in the same sort of set up as over here.

Please write to me and above all say some prayers that very, very soon all of us can come home with the fruits of victory. I'll write you again before I leave. God Bless you and loads of love. Hope to see you again real soon

Your Soldier  
Nephew  
Sonny

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MAJOR KLOPFER, THE GROUP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND MY BOSS, REALLY GETS A BIG BANG OUT OF THIS SILLY LITTLE WEEKLY. MAJOR KLOPFER IS THE FAMOUS PUBLISHER AND FOUNDER OF THE RANDOM HOUSE PUBLISHING CO. RANDOM HOUSE PUBLISHES ALL OF THE FAMOUS AND BEST SELLERS OF THE DAY. SO, THE MAJOR KNOWS A REAL CHUNK OF JOURNALISM WHEN HE SEES IT.

THE MAIL SITUATION IS RATHER POOR HERE IN ENGLAND FOR NOTHING IN THE WAY OF A LETTER FOR FOUR DAYS. LOTS OF THE FELLOWS ARE RECEIVING PACKAGES, BUT NOT I. SOME ONE ONCE SAID THAT A LETTER IS A FIVE MINUTE FURLOUGH AND I FULLY AGREE. I CAN'T EVER RECEIVE ENOUGH MAIL.

I'M TRYING TO IMPRESS MOM AND PEANUTS TO SLIP INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THIS YEAR. BOTH SAY THAT THEY CAN NOT. I LIKE TO THINK THAT EVERY THING IS THE SAME AS IN THE YEARS PAST. IF I KNOW THAT MOM HAS A TREE AND ALL OF THAT SORT OF THING, I CAN FEEL IN THE CHRISTMAS MOOD THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THEIR JOY. SO, YOU TOO TRY TO IMPRESS UPON BOTH OF MY BEST GIRLS WHAT I MEAN. IT IS VERY HARD TO BE AWAY FROM HOME ALL YEAR AROUND BUT IT STRIKES ME HARDER AROUND CHRISTMAS. I JUST CAN'T EXPRESS INTO WORDS WHAT I MEAN FOR I AM ALL CHOKED UP INSIDE WHEN I THINK OF THIS. WELL, IT IS GETTING RATHER LATE NOW AND BEST THAT I SLIP INTO THE BOOK LENGTH LETTER TO PEANUTS AND THE FAMILY. I HOPE THAT YOU ARE IN GOOD HEALTH AND WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS. REMEMBER ME CHRISTMAS MORNING. GOD BLESS YOU AND LOADS OF LOVE  
YOUR SOLDIER NERHEW-----SONNY

TUESDAY MARCH 28  
SOME WHERE IN  
ENGLAND

1944

DEAR AUNT MARY,  
SUPPOSE THAT YOU THOUGHT THAT I WOULD NEVER  
GET AROUND TO WRITTING TO YOU AGAIN. I'VE BEEN SO AWFUL BUSY  
THE LASRT FEW WEEKS THAT JUST COULDN'T FIND THE TIME TO MAKE  
WITH THE LETTER TO YOU. TONIGHT I AM CHARAGE OF QUARTERS  
HERE IN THE MAJOR'S OFFICE AND MORE OR LESS, HOLDING THE FORT  
DOWN. I'M ALL ALONE IN THE S-2 BUILDING AND HAVE TO GUARD THE  
PLACE. EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, I HAVE TO MAKE THE ROUNDS AND  
CHECK UP TO SEE IF EVERY THING IS OKAY. IT IS WAY PAST MID-  
NITE AND STILL THERE IS A LONG NITE AHEAD OF ME. NICE THING  
ABOUT THIS JOB IS THAT ONE CAN WRITE LETTERS AND READ. I  
HAVE ALL DAY TOMORROW OFF TO SLEEP AND DO AS I WANT.

I DON'T MIND THIS JOB AT ALL AND GET A  
BIG KICK OUT OF IT. THE OTHER DAY, I WENT OUT ON PASS FOR  
48 HOURS WITH MY SIDE KICK, RALDH. WE SLEPT AT THE AMERICAN  
RED CROSS TWO NITES AND IT WAS WONDERFUL TO CRAWL IN BETWEEN  
SHEETS AGAIN. ALMOST FORGOT WHAT IT FELT LIKE AND ENJOYED  
EVERY MINUTE OF IT. WE TOOK IN TWO OR THREE SHOWS AND JUST  
WALKED AROUND. IN THIS TOWN, IS A REAL OLD CASTLE AND THE  
TWO OF US EXPLORED IT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. I WONDERED AT THE  
OLD WALLS AND THE MANY THINGS THAT THEY MUST OF HAVE LOOKED  
DOWN ON. IT WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL AND INTERESTING. I STILL  
SAY THAT ENGLAND IS FAR BEHIND THE STATES IN ALL THINGS. I  
SURE WISH THAT I COULD GO HOME REAL SOON AND BE WITH MY LITTLE

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WIFE. I MISS HER SO AWFUL MUCH AND WANT TO GO HOME AS SOON AS IT IS POSSIBLE. IN A FEW WEEKS I HAVE A 7 DAY LEAVE COMING UP AND I THINK THAT I'LL GO TO SCOTLAND. RALPH AND SPERA ARE GETTING THEIR LEAVES THE SAME DATE THAT I GET MINE. WE SHOULD HAVE A LOT OF FUN AND SEE A LOT OF WONDERFUL SIGHTS. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE IN IRELAND BUT WE CAN'T GO THERE.

CALL MOM FOR THE LATEST NEWS ABOUT ME AND SO FORTH. WELL, I HAVE A LOT OF DUTIES TO DO AND BEST THAT I GET ON THE BALL. I WILL WRITE YOU A MUCH LONGER LETTER NEXT TIME. I HOPE YOU ARE ALRIGHT NOW AND FEEL SWELL. I WANT TO WRITE SIS BEFORE THE NITE IS OVER AND I HAVE TO FINISH A LETTER TO PEANUTS. JUST ENDED ONE TO MOM AND DAD. GOD BLESS YOU AND LOADS OF LOVE. KEEP UP THE PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND SOON I'LL BE ON THE WAY HOME.

YOUR SOLDIER NEPHEW

*Benny*

Sept 16th Sat.  
England

*year 1944*

Dear Aunt Mary,

The fact of pulling C Q tonight, I have a lot of spare time for a change and can pound out a lot of letters that I owe to so many people. You just can't understand how busy we are and how every second is taking up. I'm lucky to grind out a letter to the family and Peanuts. Some time ago, I put in a application for the privilege of voting and I'm waiting for my ballot to arrive. No need to say where I will place my big X.

I suppose the people in the States are going wild with the incoming wonderful war news. Over here we take it mildly but inside we are cheering with joy for we know soon we'll go marching home to our love ones. It's hard to explain how we feel inside being away from our families, our life and happiness. All I can say---I can't wait until that glorious day that once again I can don the free airs of a civilian. America is truly worth fighting for, we over here know. Sounds rather silly, but we miss the little things that every one takes for granted. I miss all types of wholesome American foods and eating hot dogs or hamburges. I miss the fun of a dance, cokes and all of those sorts of thing. I miss going to a real church each Sunday with my little wife. Above all, I miss my family and wife. Thank goodness this awful feeling is just about over. Victory and peace is in the air and it is now just a question of time. Pray real hard that it will end soon as possible.

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Next week a couple of buddies of mine and I are going on a furlough to Scotland. Seven days of restful leave from the routines of a army at war. Seven free days to do as we want, sleep as we want and to have fun. One of the fellows going with me is the photographer in S-2's public relations dept. Chuck is a ex-photographer from the Cleveland News and a old news paper man from way back. He is taking along two of his cameras, one of the candid type and one of the news paper type. With the camera that I'm borrowing, we shall have a tour of Scotland on pictures. I shall send 'em to the family and Peanuts with a written account of the trip. Mom will bring them out to you etc. Our first stop will be in Edinburgh and from there to Glasgow. I want to see the famous Moors of Scotland and take some good photos of them.

I shall write you a graphic letter on my return. Well, I have to write a letter to Sis, so I will close down for this time. Pray real hard for the end of this war to hurry up. For further news, call Mom or Peanuts. God Bless you and loads of love.

Your Soldier Nephew

Sonny

Oct 17, 1927  
Monday Even.

Dear Mary:

Just came up home. George has gone to Male Chorus practice. Sammie is busy playing with a lot of tools on the floor.

We enjoyed our trip to Nazareth. I surely do think Nazareth is beautiful both inside and out. The Chapel is wonderful, so peaceful seems as tho' you could pray and meditate lots in there.

This has been a dark old day. The sun

MONDAY JULY 31  
ENGLAND

DEAR AUNT MARY!

I SUPPOSE YOU'VE THOUGHT THAT YOUR NEPHEW BROKE A ARMX  
OR SOME THING FOR IT'S SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE MY LAST LETTER TO YOU. I  
KNOW THAT YOU DO UNDERSTAND JUST HOW BUSY THAT WE ARE ON THIS SIDE OF  
THE WORLD. I'M LUCKY IF I DASH OFF A LETTER TO THE FAMILY EACH DAY OR  
HAVE ANY SPARETIME AT ALL. UNCLE REALLY SHOVS THE WORK ON TO US. THE  
OTHER DAY, A FTER A ALL NIGHT SESSION OF WORK, I HAD TO REPORT TO THE  
DENTIST FOR A CHECK UP. PROBING AROUND MY TEETH, HE FOUND TWO LARGE  
CAVITIES AND SET ABOUT TO FILLING 'EM. I HAVE TO GO AGAIN WED MORNING FOR  
ANOTHER FILLING JOB.

TODAY, UNCLE PAID OFF ALL OF HIS GI'S AND I'M SENDING THE  
BIGGEST PART OF MY PAY TO MY LITTLE WIFE. WE ARE SAVING EVERY CENT THAT  
WE CAN FOR THE DAY THAT I COME HOME. PEANUTS AND I PLAN TO TAKE A TRIP  
AROUND THE STATES SOME TIME AFTER I'M RESTED UP FROM THE WARS. WE  
WERE CHEATED OUT OF A HONEY MOON AND WANT TO MAKE UP FOR IT. I PLAN  
ON STOPPING WITH THE GANG IN ATLANTA FOR A FEW DAYS. I WANT TO SEE THE  
KIDS AND BET I WON'T THEM. NANCY AND JOE HAVN'T MET MY WIFE AND I DO  
WANT HER TO KNOW ALL OF THE FAMILY.

FROM WHAT I GATHER FROM THE LETTERS, I THINK THAT PEANUTS  
TAKES UP FOR DAD WHEN MOM AND KATIE JUMP ALL OVER HIM. MOM SAYS THAT  
DAD IS CRAZY ABOUT PEANUTS AND LOVES TO TAKE BOTH OF MY TWO BEST GALS OUT.  
(MOM & PEANUTS) DAD HAS A GREAT TIME TALKING ABOUT THINGS WITH PEANUTS  
FOR SHE IS A INTELLIGENT KID. I SURE MISS HER VERY MUCH AND CAN'T WAIT  
UNTIL I'M HOME A GAIN.

I SUPPOSE MOM HAS TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT MY BIG TIME STORY  
WRITING FOR THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT. GUESS YOU CAN CALL ME A PART  
TIME WAR CORRESPONDENT OR SOME THING LIKE THAT. SOME OF MY STUFF IS  
GOOD-----SO THEY TELL ME-----AND I'M PROUD OF IT. I HAD ONE OF MY STORIES  
RELEASED TODAY AND I'M ANXIOUS TO HEAR MORE ABOUT IT. MOM WILL INFORM  
YOU MORE ABOUT THIS LATER ON WHEN IT APPEARS IN SOME MAG. IN THE U. S.



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I HAVE GREAT PLANS TO LATCH ON TO A JOB ON THE PAPER AT HOME AND FEEL SURE THAT I CAN. NO DOUBT THAT DAD CAN PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR ME ETC.

THIS MORNING, I PULLED ROOM ORDERLY, A MORE THAN WELCOMED TASK. EACH SOLDIER IN OUR BARRACKS TAKES HIS TURN OF SWEEPING AND MOPPING THE HUT FOR INSPECTION. WHEN WE PULL THIS DETAIL, WE CAN SLEEP AN EXTRA HOUR OR SO AND LOAF THE REST OF THE MORNING. I REPORTED TO WORK AROUND NOON TIME. EACH MONDAY, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS SENDS A CLUBMOBILE TO OUR BASE AND PRETTY AMERICAN GIRLS PASS OUT DONUTS AND COFFEE WITH A SMILE. THE RED CROSS IS DOING A WONDERFUL JOB OVER HERE. WE HAVE A GERO CLUB HERE ON THE BASE AND THIS IS A RED CROSS OUTFIT TOO. EACH NITE ALL OF US DROP IN THE CLUB FOR A LIGHT SNACK OF TEA AND CAKES ETC.

WELL, I HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO BEFORE I CAN HEAD FOR THE BARRACKS AND SLEEP. SO, I WILL CLOSE DOWN FOR THIS TIME. DO WRITE ME REAL OFTEN FOR I LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. GOD BLESS YOU AND LOADS OF LOVE.

YOUR SOLDIER NEPHEW

SONNY

PLEASE EXCUSE THE ERRORS FOR  
I HAD TO TYPE FASTER THAN  
MY REG. SPEED.