



CAMP CROWDER  
MISSOURI

6-25-43

Dear Mrs. B,

I find myself unable to get to work, so since you wrote to me last, thought I'd drop you a line.

Honest, come Sunday I'll do a super de luxe job, with plenty of white foamy soap & water, no matter how tired or discouraged I am.

The reason for the short temper is the unfairness of the situation here at camp.

Special privileges and underhanded fingerling burn me up whenever they happen, but I get a real high temperature burn when I'm directly concerned.

So, in the the future I'll leave my troubles at camp, and won't be disagreeable,

I love you so much.



that I forget that you're  
a ~~to~~ different person with  
~~a~~ separate reactions.

please forgive me for  
my actions.

I love you very much

David

6/25/43



IMMEDIATE ACTION

( AINT THIS PRETTY STATIONERY )

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IN REPLY  
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WAR DEPARTMENT

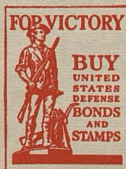
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Dear you,

The plants have gotten plenty of wa-wa and the table has a new ring around it when the wa-wa ran over. There is only ~~one~~ room for one at the table now on account of the sweet potatoe plant. I was reading and eating the other day mostly, reading and noticed that the sandwich I was feeding with tasted peculiar, yep, you guessed it, there was a leaf from the sweet potatoe plant in the sandwich (well it could happen)

I've been trying to call you for three days now, its hard to get a call through from camp, but ill probably get to talk to you in a few minutes, ( I hope.)

I lost in the poker game. we played Saturday night. I saw Javo + Barbara at Mincks afterwards. Had a flat tire + had to get a ride in to Neesho, have it fixed and then come back to camp with



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the tile. I sure felt silly, rolling it along the road, but fortunately got a ride most of the way. Didn't hear from the rationing board yet about the tile.

Haven't found out when I can get my three day pass. Will let you know later in the week.

Was out at the range this morning and fired a preliminary round of 162. Slow fire 83, rapid fire 79. Got out on rapid fire because my leg tired in the kneeling position and I fired two low shots, probably won't do as good when I fire for record anyway even if I don't get sharpshooter, you'll have a marksmanship medal to add to your collection.

March 1st was supposed to be the day for gas ration renewal, but the board is closed until the 5th. So will have to wait until then.

Have a good time, and say hello to everyone for me.

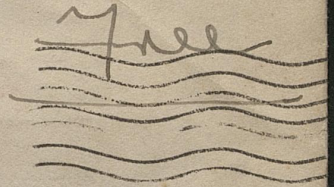
I love you  
David





AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Sgt. David Belotni  
CO. B, 24th Bu  
CAMP CROWDER, MO.



Mrs. David Belotni  
285 S. Ashland  
Lexington, Ky.

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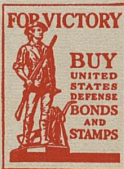
Dear Foots,

Nothing doing today, it was so cold that we couldn't go out on the rifle range, I was glad 'cause I woke up this morning with a little indigestion. We had beans last night that would have made good bullets. Don't the pen writing nice, hardly a scratch and it's only "three and a half weeks old."

permit to buy the tire case, but we only have permission to buy a group of. I called up every place that was open, and they all had long waiting lists on this kind of tire. I'll keep trying, and if I can't find one, I'll get on one of the waiting lists.

It's still snowing, but the sun's trying to come out. The wind is sure awful. Without you here to protect me it's pretty tough.

Got a letter from Sarahella today, and I forgot Shirley's birthday, she's a leap year child, so I'm writing today. Well, got to go in to a case



IMMEDIATE ACTION



meeting, so 'll close.

Jane  
David

Say hello to everyone.



DEPARTMENT

David Belatin

to the Bus.  
Seward, Mo.

~~MAIL BUSINESS~~

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID

PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



Mrs. David Belatin  
285 S. Ashland  
Lexington, Ky.

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3-5-43

Dear Beapsie,

Oh, oh, oh, I went  
and done it, done, done  
done it, I see that  
I was wrong. Anyway  
I didn't wake up until  
8 o'clock ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup> morning  
so was a little late  
getting into camp. That's  
the morning I was  
supposed to fire my  
second preliminary  
round on the range, so  
as a result, I have to  
spend next week messing  
around here waiting  
for a chance to fire. Also,  
there's a blizzard out today,  
so the whole company  
will have to fire next



week. That means no  
3 day pass until March 13.  
If you want to come back  
before then will spend  
our 3 day pass around  
here someplace, if you  
want to wait, will spend  
it in St. Louis. I bought  
a good pre-war tire, paid  
\$14.75 for it and \$3.25 for a  
tube. I'll have plenty of  
"C" coupons as I've gotten  
the ration renewed.

about income tax,  
I'm in a muddle. Mr.  
Wheeler wrote to me &  
said my withdrawals  
from the store up to  
aug. 31, <sup>1942</sup> were \$1,733.93. will



since that time until  
the sale of the store, I've  
drawn \$ 112.50. well I  
re figured army income and  
I'll give you the figures  
again.

Income from store for 1942 - \$ 1,846.43

that is the fiscal year of  
Sept 1, <sup>1941</sup> ~~1941~~ to Aug. 31, 1942  
plus income to Nov. 1942  
date of sale of store

Income from army 646.00

This includes your  
allotment + all allowances

Real Estate	\$ 300.00
INCOME FROM SALE OF STORE	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,792.43

OK, now I can't find anyone



around here who knows whether I can deduct the loss on sale of the business from this years income. anyway, the statement you have with you lists the value of my share of the business at about \$5,300.00. That is as of Aug. 31, 1942. Now there was some profit made in the months of Sept. & Oct., & so I think the value of my share of the business at time of sale was \$5,800.00. I received \$2000.00, therefore my loss was \$3,800.00. I think I should be able to deduct this entire



amount, because it was not a loss over a period of years, but a loss due to a forced sale. The value was there, and there is no reason why the deduction cannot be fairly made, in the entire amount.

well, that's all I can tell you. If Dad's tax man doesn't think it would be any advantage to file a joint return, then let me know at once and I'll file a separate return here.

also, concerning substantiating the loss by



evidence, none is needed.  
The statement is correct  
that you have<sup>it all you</sup>, because  
it was made by a C.P.A.  
The approximation of  
profit for Sept. + Oct. is  
close. So, what further  
evidence is needed of  
the loss.

Anyway Boopsie, let  
me know what Mr.  
Humpty Dumpty or whatever  
his name is thinks  
of the situation.

I miss you very  
much. I've eaten at  
home a couple of times  
with only the <sup>potatoes</sup> plant  
for company. It's pretty



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lowly, so I eat out when  
I go home mostly.

Nobody has invited  
me to dinner yet.

Well honey, guess I'd  
better close.

I love you  
David



3-5-43

Dear Mother and Dad,

This is an ideal time to thank you for the heater. It was zero this morning and a heavy wind was blowing, but driving down to camp was very comfortable.

Wish I could have taken the heater out on the rifle range this morning. We went out and stayed until 9 o'clock, but couldn't fire because the bolts froze + you couldn't see the targets on account of the snow.

after a few experiences like that you have a small inkling as to the



difficulties of winter  
fighting. The cold doesn't  
bother you as long as  
you keep moving, but  
the wind really stings.

Thanks again for  
the heater.

Paul  
David



~~WAR DEPARTMENT~~

s/sgt. David Bolotin

CO. B, 27th Bu.

~~From [unclear]~~  
Camp Crowder, Mo.



Mrs. David Bolotin  
2855. Ashland  
Lexington, Ky.

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Rosa Stevens }  
Igor Gouin }  
Albert Spalding -  
Rudolf Serbin -  
Mava Gambiela



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MAR 7 1943



3-8-43

Dear Boopsie,

Enclosed are forms for income tax. Several questions. ① Why isn't army income included on State income tax? ② on ~~the~~ Ky. tax, the \$1,250.00 deduction is not explained in the proper space as far as I can see. ③ ~~The~~ The income Mr. Wheeler stated I got from the store of around \$1700.00 is probably correct. It is not over and above my salary, but includes it. When figuring what I drew from the store, we forgot to figure \$250.00 that I paid my aunt early in 1942, and last years personal taxes were paid from store fund. So I believe it would be better to use the figure Mr. Wheeler gave. That would change everything. Will you send me a Ky form and



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a Federal form and I'll make them out and send them in the same day I get them. Be sure and find out why army income was not included on Ky. tax form.

I've been putting in some long hours here. We have been getting in odd groups of specialists for training in the company, and servicing them is a long, drawn out job.

I've been instructing in rifle lately. Can't keep my big mouth shut. Now every day the captain takes me out to the range to be a live Non-Com. I'm enjoying it, but I'm glad you're not here, we never finish until after retreat so I'd be getting home real late. I went home Sunday and spent the evening



at the Blassis. Rather enjoyed it, they had several other fellows and we had dinner at the corner.

I'll probably call you before you get this letter, but in case I forget anything over the phone, you'll have a reminder.

I'm going out on the range in a few minutes, so I'll mail this. I'll find out when I talk to you when we two will meet again. I'm planning to go to Joplin tonight and clean the apartment. Scrub the floors + all that stuff. Besides I gotta get my laundry together. Haven't had anything cleaned since you left, sloppy aint I.

Hope you're enjoying your visit home, I'd give a lot to



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be there with you.

Am getting well & mind  
burned, it looks like sun burn  
only it itches.

I love you

David

(your cousin)



WAR DEPARTMENT

FROM (X)

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
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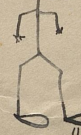
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*may 1943*

3/7/43

Mrs. David Jayne W. Bolatin

*apt. 117/109* *uptown nose*



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Zeppelin, Moel.

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