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Germany,

27. Oct. 1944

Dear Jack.

Wells again - Just a few lines. Am O.K.
Good appetite etc. Sleep 8-9 hours
every night less time out for Artillery
Barrages & stuff. George Cupeland &
I share the same Fox hole. Have a
layer of inch boards - a foot of dirt - plus
a foot layer of pine boughs. 3 1/2 feet
wide - 3 feet deep 7 feet long. Good
protection & we are as happy as 2
chips in a rug. Has quite a guy (George)
I'd rather hear him tell a story than
see a show. Grand fellow & a good
Buddy.

We are in a large forest. Big trees all
have been felled - row after row

very thick. At 7 P.M. you can't see
out of the Fox hole. Pitch black
here. Always cloudy no moon. Very
wet & quite chilly - We have 5 ft
blankets under us & 3 over plus
a shelter half under us & one over.

The ground is still pretty hard by
morning. "Oh my aching back!"
I called you some money for your
Xmas. Now I'm afraid it won't
get there in time. Cable is so
slow. At the time I sent it no

Money orders were available - But you will
get it eventually but in jail
not for Xmas.

Nice letter from Lorna. Guess she
will tell my vote - she votes
Rep. - I'd love to change that or maybe
some one else. Did Archie + Maud vote
Dem. He He. Mericals do happen.
The news from the Pacific is sure to
be thro' over there before we are here
I guess. Lots of guys think we will go
over there & then we are done here.
I see I'll have a double row of battle
ribbons by then. Just so I don't get
any Purple Heart.

Don't be too surprised if the letters are
slow & far between. From Now on things
are changing. But don't worry
Please - I've come a long way from
the French Beach & I'm still off in
see in you can make out O.K.
Take care of your self. It's do the
same - Be seeing you.

God bless + keep you
your son
Randy,

[[DeVault Correspondence #1]]

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Germany 27 Oct. 1944

Dear Folks,

Hello again – Just a few lines. Am O.K. good [[app-t-ale]] eat. Sleep 8-9 hours every night less time out for Artillery Barrage + stuff. George Copeland + I share the same fox hole. have a layer 9 inch boards – a foot of dirt – plus a foot layer of pine bows. 3 ½ feet wide – 3 feet deep 7 feet long. good protection + we are as happy as 2 bugs in a rug. He's quite a guy (George) I'd rather hear him tell a story than see a show. grand fellow + a good Buddy.

We are in a large forest. Big pines all have been planted – row after row very thick. At 7 P.M. you cant be out [[one word]] fox hole. Pitch black here. Always cloudy no moon. Very wet + quite chilly – We have 5 9I Blair Keys under us + 3 over plus a shelter half under us + one over.

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Nice letter from Lorna. Guess she
will fill my vote – she votes

Rep – see love + change that or marry
some one else. Did Archie + Maud vote
[[one word]]? Ha Ha. Mericals do happen –

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I guess. Lots of guys think we will go
over there after we are done here.

Gee Ill have a double row of battle
ribbons by then. Just so I don't get
any Purple Hearts. –

Don't be too surprised if the letters are
slow + for between from now on, things
are changing. But don't worry

Please – Ive come a long way from
the French Beach + [[one word]] still O.K. [[one word]]
sure Im gonna make out O.K.

Take care of yourselves I'll do
the same – Be seeing you –

God bless + Keep you
Your son

Franz