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1116 Boyd Street  
Watertown, N. Y.  
December 1, 1944

Dear Jim & Dutch:-

We are in the midst of our first real snow storm, and does Jackie love it. He had his first casualty last Saturday. There is a park a couple blocks from here where the kids go ski-ing in the winter. The only trouble he chose a day to go sledding when there was very little snow - but he thought it was ample. He came home, very unexpectedly, with one side of his face all skinned - He said he had to steer his sled (one that was resurrected from the attic) into a stone wall to keep from running into a little boy. It made a lens of him, at least in his eyes, but I rather doubt if there were actually any "little boys" anywhere around. He got quite a jolt & varicella and sundry bruises - I'm thankful he wasn't hurt more seriously. For a couple days he looked suspiciously like he had mumps on one side of his face. It's healed now and the swelling has gone down ~~but~~ and he has recuperated nicely with the aid of comic books, ice cream & movies. The Schuermanns think he's just about O.K. and I'm afraid he's going to be pretty much of a spoiled brat by the time Yank gets home. And, while on the subject of Jackie I thought I'd enclose a copy of Dick's letter to him - I made one for Yank. As you can very readily see I'm no typist but perhaps you can make out enough of it to get the general idea of the letter. I thought it was pretty clever.

Have only had one letter from Yank this week and that was written before several later ones I had earlier. I'm afraid he's left New Guinea for less pleasant surroundings - and may even be in combat but I don't dwell on that possibility.

Thanksgiving day I had a cable from him with holiday greetings. of course, I have no idea how long before then he had made plans to send it. Incidentally, Yank has a new commanding officer & he's from Meridian, Miss (a Lt. Col. Lee) and Yank wondered if that was anywhere near Oxford.

Mrs. Schuergmann & I went to hear Andre Mechalopoulos lecture the other night. Wonder if, by any chance, you heard him as his itinerary has carried him to forty seven out of the forty eight states - of course Miss. could be the one he missed! His talk was exceptionally good - at least it must have been to keep me interested for two hours when I had my "straight-jacket" on. At the doctor's advice I bought, and wear occasionally, a maternity girdle though girdle is hardly the right word for the d-thing. I've gotten so I can wear it without giving the impression that I have St. Vitus' Dance so I have hopes of eventually getting used to it.

It would be swell if you did break down and write to Yank - for the first time in his life he's cared anything about mail. His mother swears he never even used to bother to read her letters for she'd write to him, in detail, about things and later find out he never knew anything about them.

Guess everything on the home-front in D. P. is gradually improving - it seems so from the letters anyway. At least there's no more worry about keeping J's going & trying to keep that barn cleaned & dusted! And the trip to Deke was definitely a success - now ma claims she's able to sleep nights. I know for a fact she hasn't been able to do that in quite some time.

Anytime you find time I'd love to hear from you both.  
Love, Margaret