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**Letter, W. N. (William Neill) Bogan, Jr. to Juliette Chamberlin,
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France
Jan 17, 1945

Dearest Julie,

As usual I'll have to open my letter with an apology for not writing sooner. Maybe you can forgive me to some extent this time since we've been moving around so, and then too you were with the family for a while and could read my mail to them. Let's see - I haven't written since before I left England, have I? I really have a stack of your letters to answer. The first day we got mail here I got five or six from you, and three day before yesterday I got about the same number. I believe Dec. 30th is the latest I've received. Also got your air mail of Dec. 11th with the clipping & booklet of meditation. It's already read part of it and the thoughts expressed are very helpful.

Enjoyed all your V-mails from W. P. so much. How I wish that I could have been there with all of you. Know the two soldiers appreciated every thing. I remember how much it meant to

me to be in a home last Christmas.
Thanks to you for helping entertain
them. I feel as though I had a grand
Christmas knowing that those two boys
did.

Glad you got to see a little of Sic both
going and coming. Must have helped her
a lot just to see some one from home.
Don't know what I would have done
without her as a purchasing agent.
She took care of everything for me in
grand style! I got a grand letter
from her started Xmas Eve & finished
the 29th. Told me all about her Xmas
preparations and about Xmas in the
station. She's a swell Sic.

I guess by this time you've heard all
about me from the rest of the family,
but I'll give a brief resume. We
crossed the channel on Xmas day -
had 3 rations for dinner and supper.
Traveled around France a good bit
up until we got here. We ridden in
everything from cattle trucks to 40 or

& got cars. Been through Cherbourg, Rennes, Bonneville, and several smaller places. Most of them completely shot up. The people are very pitiful to me - very thin and poorly clothed. However you don't feel that you can touch them very much. From all I can hear I judge that there are many pro-Nazis still around.

We are pretty well situated now. Have big pyramidal squad tents with cots & stoves. Had electric lights, but the generator has been on the blink for the last week.

The country reminds me very much of Pa. Very hilly. We had four or five inches of snow last week, but it's worked up, and most of it's gone now.

I've been in a couple of farm houses and it was very interesting to me. They have huge fireplaces with seats & shelves built inside. All the people wear wooden shoes, and on Sunday

the women wear a knot of hair on top
their heads with a flat white hat sitting
on top of the knot. I can't decide whether
the hats are crocheted or what. In the
houses I saw some beautiful spreads
and table cloths. Hope to be able to buy
something like that to send home.

It's just about time for chow, so I'll
finish this up and get it in the mail.
You keep asking me to request something
so here goes, Julie. Please send me
some fruit cocktail or canned fruit
of some kind. You are so sweet
to want to send me something, and
I enjoy all your letters a great deal.

God bless you, Julie. I love you very
much.

Devotedly,
Son

I just met
when I
read this.



for I love you so - I'll keep
you & bring you to me -

I am just disappointed I have
no points - If you get the
fruit I'll pay for it all.

I am enclosing the check -
The only time he has requested
, I can't grant it. Please
do it for me if only I can.

A Rainy Day. Mr. Grouse says he'd 'id
all his children, so I guess
Spicy is Lee, though it's old

Love Julie

I'll pay postage & everything

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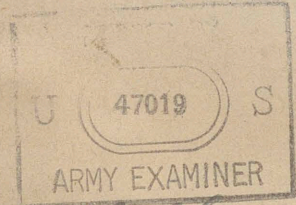
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