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Dear Myrl and Jane:

I find that I have not answered your letter of April 18th, but I have just written to a gentleman down in Brazil who wrote me on December 14th, so you see I do get far behind in my correspondence.

The day I saw you good people I was in a rush to make three connections - Mr. McBride, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Reaves Peters, so you see I had a lot to do in an hour's time. I did not notice that I revealed my nervousness, but you people were going some place, as I recall, on short notice, so it was just one of those hello and goodby salutations. I have been accused by a number of people that I put out the nervous sign when I am in a hurry. But don't we all?

I notice where the 88th division was called on the alert. I remember pretty distinctly one September night about ten o'clock we were called out at Camp Sheridan and marched ten miles just because the colonel was anxious to show a visiting colonel how quickly he could get his camp marching. So I am not surprised with this World War on that these alerts are sounded just at the most unsuspecting moment. Apparently the rumor regarding the President was correct because I noticed where he had been down there, and he was also out at Fort Riley.

Jack Ballard, whom you know, wrote me from Fort Riley that he was one of the honor guards that sat with the President in church at Fort Riley on Easter morning. He certainly was all set up over the fact because he sat just four rows from the Commander-in-Chief.

All of our basketball boys are now in the service. Charlie Black is in Utah, Ray Evans is in St. Petersburg, and Armand Dixon is in California. They are scattered to the four winds of the United States, but none of them have gone overseas as yet. I am obtaining a list of all the boys and we expect to write a monthly letter to them. I will send you a copy of our next month's issue.

Now, regarding the photos. I will be honest and state that I am not sure that I can locate them but I will endeavor to do so. I have this bad habit. I will carry a pack of envelopes in my pocket for about two months. I generally use these envelopes on the outside