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25 July 1944

DATE

DR. F.O. (PHOO) ALLEN
LAWRENCE
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George Mandeville
CENSORS STAMP

IN FRANCE
SUNDAY.

DEAR DOCTOR ALLEN:

I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR PAPER OR SOMETHING CALLED THE REBOUND OR SOMETHING, AND I WONDERED IF YOU MIGHT SEND ME A COPY BEFORE THE WAR IS OVER. MOST OF THE BETTING IS THAT NOW THAT WE HAVE THE FIRST TEAM IN IT WON'T BE LONG. THIS IS THE ROUGHEST CONTEST I HAVE EVER HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING IN AND STRANGE AS IT SEEMS A LOT OF GUYS HAVE GOT HURT. THESE DAMN NAZIS ARE A FANATICAL BUNCH, THEY HAVE A LOT OF DETERMINATION BUT NO COMMON SENSE, ABOUT THE ONLY THING THEY CAN UNDERSTAND OR I SHOULD SAY THE BEST PERSUADER I HAVE SEEN IS THE BAYONET. OF COURSE WHEN THEY GET IN FRONT OF OUR ARTILLERY THEY GET PRETTY WELL GROUND UP. A LOT OF THEM HANG ON WHEN THEY SURELY KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE EXTERMINATED.

THE WEATHER HERE IS DAMN BAD, THE COGNAC IS VERY SCARCE, AND THE CIDER IS WORSE THAN OUR BULK VINEGAR. WE HAVE HAD TWO DEASANT DAYS IN THE LAST 6 WEEKS. WE HAVE NEVER-DANCE PARTIED WITH OUR LONG HANDLES SINCE WE CAME LAST YEAR.

I HAVE BEEN OVER HERE DODGING NOW SINCE IT STARTED. ITS FUNNY NOW BUT A PRETTY GOOD SIZED SHELL LIT ABOUT TEN YARDS AWAY. I ALMOST TORE DOWN A ROW OF TREES AND DID SKIN MY KNEE GETTING INTO A SHIT TRENCH. OF COURSE WE SLEEP IN SLIT TRENCHES AT NIGHT UNLESS WE FEEL THAT WE DON'T CARE IF SOME BODY COLLECTS OUR INSURANCE. BELIEV ME IF YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN ON A BATTLEFIELD YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE MISSED. THE FIRST WEEK HERE MY URINE WAS NOT SURE WHICH LEG TO GO DOWN. SAW THE IRISH PLAY LOTS OF SOCCER LAST WINTER. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE IRISH COULD PLAY THAT GAME WITHOUT FIGHTING, THEIR FISTS AND ARMS FREE AND THEIR LEGS KICKING AT EACH OTHER.

I SEE BY THE GRAPE VINE THAT MY OLD FRIEND HENRY SCHENK IS IN CHARGE OF THE FOOTBALL. TWO OTHER K.U. BOYS ARE HERE. MAJOR YOUNG OF LAWRENCE WHO WAS ON THE TRACK TEAM A FEW YEARS BACK AND CAPT. TODD OF CLAY CENTER. MAJOR YOUNG IS IN CHARGE OF THE HOSPITAL PART OF OUR DIVISION. HOPE EVERYTHING IS WELL WITH YOU.

BEST REGARDS

V-MAIL

Geo. Mandeville