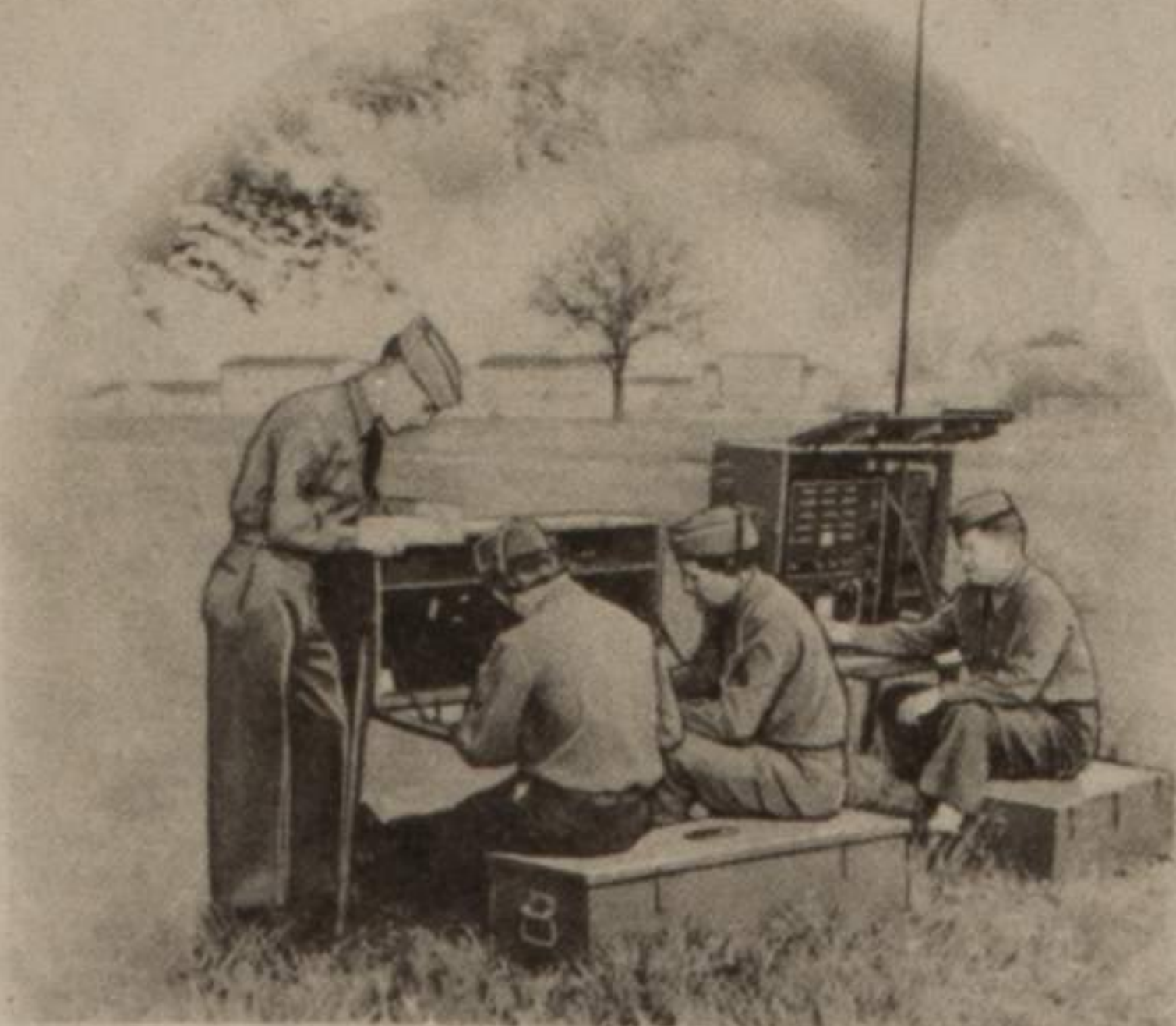


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CAMP CROWDER, MISSOURI

Tuesday 12 December, 1944

Dear W.C. and Dolph :

Again I take my hat off to the two men who always do just the right thing at the right time. Your letter was received and the inclosure was sincerely appreciated. Receiving your gift at this time makes me more than ever realize the true value of friendships and what they have always meant to me. This last year has probably meant a little more to me than to the run of men in uniform because it has given time to weigh the true assets of life and a greater sense of appreciation of the things that are good.

Thursday of this week is to be a big day in that it should forecast pretty definitely what the next year has in store for me. I am to have my profile screening which will definitely place me available for overseas shipment or classify me for permanent cadre assignment. Being in the best physical condition since high school days, my chances for seeing a bit of this world are very good.

Hope to have the chance of seeing you personally this weekend and thanking you in person but only time will tell; last week was my first miss in being with the family since April—that has been the best of