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and I [sure] hope you are going to spend a most pleasant time this summer in the country. I have received no mail again to-day which makes it three days in a row, so I know not whether you are in Monticello or New York. In any event I'm sure the letters will ultimately reach you. The package I wrote you about in yesterday's letter was mailed to-day. Hare sent you many packages in the past 7 or 8 weeks, and I trust you will receive and acknowledge all of them shortly.

Events move slowly in the army except when they [indirect] you. At present it is [summoned] that we are to more to a not too distant town within a few weeks. This [should] make no difference since whenever we go we will have bullets. Mail will not be slowed up, and the change of scenery may ever break the [monotony] of things. Of course I will be permitted to tell you where I am, so don't concern yourself about this more. Be [assured] we are not going to the Pacific, even though you and Hilda may have ideas to the contrary. You know that summons on the homefront are just as [baseless] as 99% of those we hear.

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Hope you and Jim are in excellent health these days, having fun, getting plenty of sunshine and wholesome country air and food. Don't overlook getting yourself a good hammock. Jim must be growing tall, speaking nicely, and I sure wish the [annoying] [rash] is cured by now. This may be a good chance for you to put a few pounds on [your] can, and you should take advantage of it. You'll need it!

I feel fine and dandy, marking the days off on the calendar, not unlike a [jail-bird] and loving and [adoring] you all the time. Had fresh oranges and [sunny] side eggs for breakfast, and [most] delicious roast beef for lunch. Sure hope you are getting all the food necessities you kids need.

Stay well, keep smiling, and have fun. Kiss Jim for daddy, and I'll keep his memory in mind. My [many] [best] to everyone

[As ever] George

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[Have] no [snapshots] to enclose in today's letter but expect another [call] later in the week. By this time you should have received about 75 to 85 [snaps]. You can see for yourself how badly some places in Europe are battered, and believe you me, dearest, the people have taken the same beating mentally and physically. [No] day passes without some hair-raising incident to remind one of the horrors of war. Yesterday a 10 year old girl was [groping] [thru] the ruins of a home not far from the railroad station; picked up a live hand grenade, pulled the pin unknowingly, and was blown to pieces. I didn't see her but she was treated by the battalion surgeon, and [some] of the other boys saw the [mess]. Is it not worth the time I am [putting] in to [assure] a better [world] for Jim and all children to look forward to?

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