



SAN ANTONIO AVIATION CADET CENTER
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

February 15, 1944

Dearest Donna,

Please forgive me for typing this, but it just happens that I need a lot of practice for my new job in the Squadron Orderly room or headquarters.

How is my dear ^Ssweetheart today? Is she still flirting with all of those good looking officers from the air base? If she is she had better be careful because even if I am a lowly pfc. I can make plenty of trouble for anyone who tries to steal my gal, see? so if you want those flying birdmen of yours to keep on flying, then you had better be true to me!

I got another postal from Dad today, mailed February 4, gee! but it takes an awfully long time for that mail to get here. I suppose the folks are home by now, but if they are I certainly don't know about it. I 'll bet they had one whale of a good time in Mexico though- sure wish I could have gone with them.

Remember when we used to plan that trip to Alaska? I really wanted to go there then, but now I want to go about ten times as bad, things like that become more important to you when you have been away for some time and you begin to think about all the things you could have had but didn't want then, and now you realize how wrong you were and wish you could have the same opportunities over, then you would make the most of them - you bet your life!

Well, I'm not a very good letter writer, especially when it comes to typing, so I guess I had better close, have not heard from you for five days, and would like ^{very much} to hear from you sweetheart, so please write.

I love you

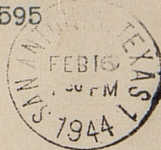
a/s G. M. Slaughter

a/s G. M. Slaughter, 18059595

Squadron 114, Flight D

A.A.F.C.C., S.A.A.C.C.

San Antonio, Texas!



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~~VIA AIR MAIL~~

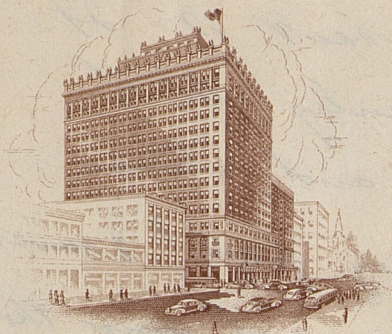
Allie D. Slaughter,
Box 654
Roswell
New Mexico!!

LAST-FOLD ON THIS LINE

SECOND-FOLD BACK ON THIS LINE

FIRST-FOLD BACK ON THIS LINE

OPEN ON THIS LINE



the Brown hotel

BROADWAY AT FOURTH AVE.

HAROLD E. HARTER
MANAGER

Louisville 2, Kentucky
Sun. afternoon

Dearest Donna,

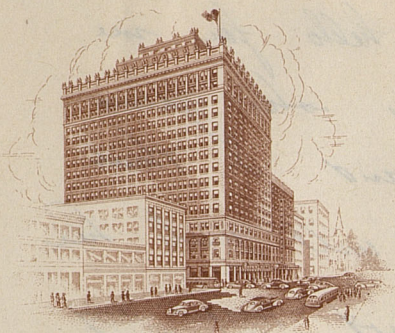
I'm awfully glad to have talked
to you last nite, and please forgive
me for reversing the charges, but I
didn't have any money - that's why I
asked you for some - and it was
awfully sweet of you to send it to
me - you are a mighty ^{generous} ~~generous~~ ^{kind} ~~kind~~ ^{person} ~~person~~ ^{the}
Donna. I will send you the \$50
next weekend when I will have more
money sent time.

The little you spoke of in our
conversation sounds very interesting -
I wish I could have had a long
talk with you about Linnree before
I came up here, I want you to tell



me so much about it. - It
is a beautiful country, lots of
trees and mountains and streams -
but there are so many people! I never
have seen so many - and since the
war people here say things have
changed a lot, most of the people.
I've not seen to hold a definite
fear of being cheated by you and
they distrust everyone - I know it
is because there are so many soldiers
and men, strange people, but it does
upset me and I like to be treated
hospitably.

For the past week we have been
working very hard, and there seems
no end to it - we are driving and
maintaining combat vehicles, mostly
medium tanks, also light tanks
and half-tracks and 6x4 army
trucks. We are taking a medium train-



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BROADWAY AT FOURTH AVE.

HAROLD E. HARTER
MANAGER

Louisville 2,

Kentucky

ing with the recruits for a couple
of weeks before actually beginning
officers Candidate School - it is good
training and should help us immensely
since we know nothing of this type
of warfare as yet.

I do like it and I think it
will be an interesting course - only
I will be awfully busy so you must
forgive me if I do not write often.

Your last ² letters were sweet and
thoughtful, and I know you love me,
I think you are the best pal I
have Donna and I love you.

Well, I must close this now as
I have to write Mother and Dad.



Please tell everyone hello for me
and tell Claire I hope she gains
some more weight and I think
of her often, that I will write her
soon, though she must know my
letter to you are partly to her also.

Thanks again, adorable, for sending
me the dinner card I appreciated
it greatly, and write whenever
you can.

Always
Your loving Grandson
Geo. Jr.

20! man!!



THE UNITED STATES ARMY

F O R T K N O X * K E N T U C K Y

April 7, 1944

Dearest,

I have two letters from you, and I know I owe you more - but I just don't have time to write.

Today I passed my Physical Examination without a flaw - boy am I happy! Will you phone the folks and tell them?

Tomorrow we have our first inspection, you should see us working. Rifles apart and being cleaned, guns dusting and cleaning windows, shining shoes, straightening clothes - you have never seen such industry.

This place has the highest, strictest discipline of any part of the army, and we certainly have to adhere to it.

There are some boys here from New York University - they are quite different from us - but they are swell boys and have a fine sense of humor. We get a big kick out of one little short kid that talks with a Bronx accent that

smells even on the drill field.
He is always cracking jokes
and doing funny things - he keeps
us all in stitches.

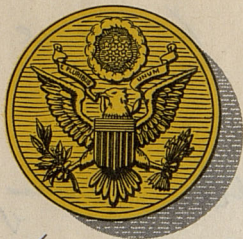
Tomorrow I have a date with a
cute girl in Jemsvill - so I am
going into town for the weekend.

I think that the boys should be
allowed to go out on the porch during
the dance - you have no idea how
much the moon and fresh breeze
can help a boy get up nerve to
ask a girl for a date, at least it
helps me.

Our farm hacienda to be sounds
mighty beautiful - we must have some
beautiful horses in the meadow too, don't
you think. It would be so lovely to
have those things now - but since
we can't have them until this war is
over, it is each and everyones job to
hasten the end to the best of his
ability - at least I feel that way and I
know I am doing my part - and
I think you, too, are doing.

Well goodnight sweetheart, I have a
busy day tomorrow
Yours,
Lo.

Postmark: April 7, 1944



THE UNITED STATES ARMY
FORT KNOX * KENTUCKY

Dearest Donna,

I'm terribly sorry I did not write
sooner - I got your letter Thurs mite,
but since then we have been so busy
moving into our new quarters and
learning the correct things to do that I
just have not had time to write.

I got your present and thank you so
much - it really was appreciated by
Carol Sue - and I will send you the
money you lent to me in about 10 days
or just as soon as I get paid.

We really have beautiful quarters here -
nothing could be cleaner or better - tile
bathrooms, big clean airy rooms - southern
exposure - really very nice.

I have not met any nice southern
gals yet so to speak - but I think
I'll manage before long. You know

I'll be here for at least 6 more months.

We are really having trouble learning all the little things here - everything must be done so perfectly. - knots in your barrels bag, so many notches on your belt - clothes arranged just so, shoes shined, no dust, so many inches fold in your blankets. Golly, will I ever learn it all.

I know my letter is short but I must close anyway as I have another interview in a few minutes.

Be assured that I will work very hard to pass this course and become a commissioned in the Army of the United States, - there is nothing that means more than that now, and gold bars are my goal.

Please write again soon.

I love you

Leo.

Postmark: Apr. 19, 1944

Dear Donna,

Got your letter again today, and
thank you sweet for the "tease" I
like to be teased. I told you I
got the delicious candy too. didn't
I. - was it sure was good.

Donna we are so busy here
we do not have any time - I
have trouble doing what I have to.

Sat. we had a test and I did
good on it - then tomorrow we
have a terrific test which I am
worried about. I should be studying
now.

Don't worry about a flood be-
cause the Ft. is on a hill - but
the Ohio runs around the bottom
of it.

We are studying jeeps and trucks now,
very much we have tanks.

I really have been a lot
in two days - tomorrow I
find out if I heard enough
to pass a test.

My car is running beautifully.
I don't get to use it except
on Sat. nite - then I go 30
miles to Lanesville and relax.
I usually have a cute date. The
one I know here is a friend of
Elbert's from Roswell - she is sweet
and nice - but the one I know
in Texas would suit you just
fine - she is sweet and cute too, and
putty, and has her own mind, but
still dainty. Maybe you'll meet her
someday. I know you would
catch on about the post pack.

but it was only one kiss -
and that one "good-bite".

I must go study, sweetheart,
please keep writing, and I'm still
going to send you the \$40 as soon
as I can. I have it now, but
no way to send it.

Don't forget you are still
my very best sweetheart and
I do hope you and Sammy
can come up for graduation
in August - but no - you had
better not as won't be able to
see you but two days. - I
have to go on maneuvers 2 days
after graduation.

Love you
Geo.

FORT KNOX



Kentucky

May 1, 1944

Dearest Grandmother,

I did so enjoy your last letter. Yes it was really wonderful for Dan to be in the 4th accepted - I know Dan will do all right. The talk you gave him must have helped him a lot too.

As soon as I got your last letter I wrote Aunt Minnie - I'm sure by now she has received my little letter of sympathy, and I believe it will make her feel better as I took great pains with it. I have always liked her and think of her very much, and like you, I know she is in a much happier and more beautiful place now.

We are doing a great deal of work now. Last week we finished our course in tanks, and now we are studying

radio, first aid, machine control, and
gunnery. The gunnery course will
be the longest and hardest of all-
during 9 weeks we will fire all
of the weapons in the Armored
Force, around 3000 bullets at a cost
of \$5000.00 per candidate.

I must get back to work now.
I like the clippings you enclose now
and then, and if you take anymore
snap-shots, please send me some.
I still owe you 40 dollars and I
still have it, but have not sent it-
I will, I promise, when I get half-
of a chance.

Please tell everyone there hello
and write soon darling.

I love you
Leo Jr.



MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME IN LOUISVILLE

HOTEL SEELBACH

LOUISVILLE · KY.

13 May 1944

Hi! Donna,

I'm very sorry I have been so long in writing, but you can't imagine how very busy I have been. This week we have 5 tests, and each one just like a final exam - besides that we have had 4 parades - I have never been so busy in my life.

We have been firing the small arms of the armored force also, and had quite a bit of fun with the machine gun etc.

Kentucky is very beautiful in the spring - everything is green, and lots of it - the wind has been blowing much and it has been very nice.

Enclosed is the money you lent me, which I appreciated so much, and you'll have it even though I took so long returning it.

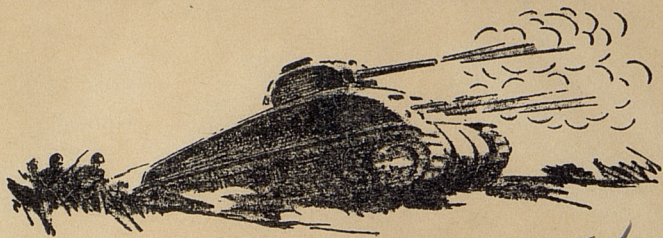
I have a date tonite, a girl
has asked me to a dance which
a friend is giving, so I must
close.

Please write soon - I hope you
are well and happy and please tell
Uncle Curtis and Clara Hello for
me, also Nell.

I love you

Leo Jr.

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY



5/30/43

Darling Donna,

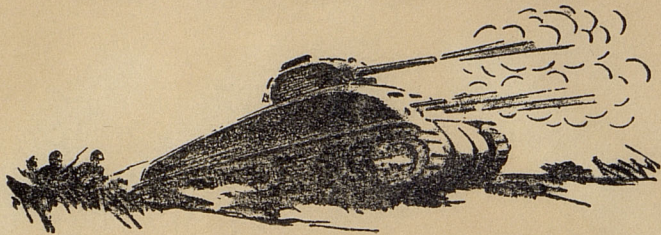
I'm afraid I'm the one who is neglecting you, and not vice versa as you said in your letter today.

I can just imagine how beautiful your graduation was, and congratulations on that, too - It means an awful lot to a soldier to know that his folks back home are 100% all out for the war effort.

I just got Dad's telegram about Tom's scholarship - I guess that pay is really going to turn.

I think it is wonderful, that ~~you~~ present you gave Don for graduation, I know

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

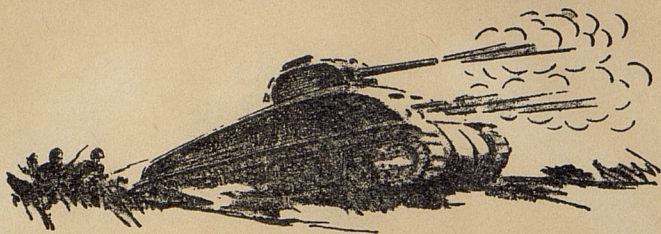


Dan has more practical sense than Dad or Mother give him credit for and that's why I know you didn't go wrong by being so generous. Dan will never forget your present, Donna.

Well, the work here is still awfully hard, and very precise - I believe I'm doing nicely however.

I spent last week-end with some lovely people - on Sun afternoon Frank Elliott and a South Carolina boy and I went out on the lawn in the sun in bathing suits and got our Monday lessons.

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY



We are having daily
thunderstorms, now - high
wind and driving rain - they
come suddenly and this
afternoon one drenched us at
dull -

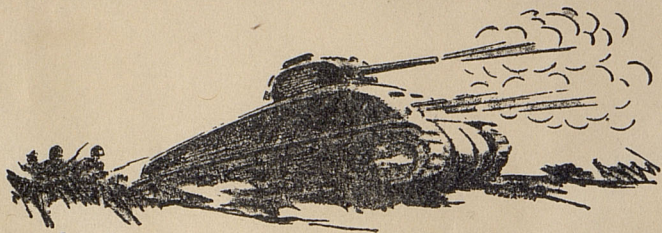
Oh darling - you must
study, please keep writing
for I enjoy your letters
very much.

Wells to all of the gang
for me.

I love you
Leo Jo

Postmark: June 15, 1944

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY



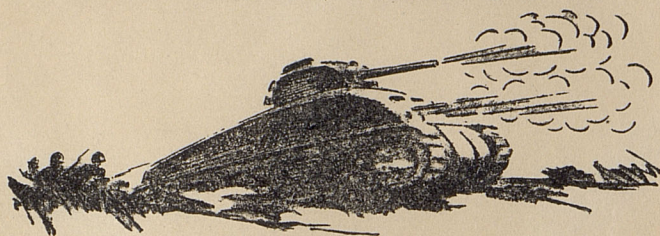
June 13

Donna Dear,

Am so sorry I haven't written
in so long - I've just been
awfully busy - for the first time
in three weeks now I have a
couple of days in which to relax -
I do not mean just off, it's just
that the work has slackened up some-
what

This morning we had four
hours of tests on proficiency
of handling the big tank guns -
I did very nice and of course
am quite proud of the achievement.
This last week I spent in a
wonderful home - Mrs. Wilson's sister's
home, in Louisville - it was quite
lovely and Frank Elliott and my-
self enjoyed it immensely. - We

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY



have been invited to a horse farm
next weekend to ride some Kentucky
Thoroughbreds - I know it'll be funny
riding these different type horses -
but we shall see.

It is now time for tape so
I must close - please continue
your lovely letters and don't forget
how much I love you.

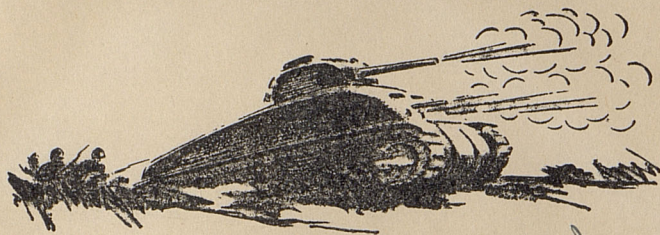
Your friend
Geo. F.

Get Quinn and Curtis help for me.
be please - sure would like to see
how the farm looks.

After I have had thorough instruction
on the M3 anti-machine gun you
mentioned it was ad is a wonderful
weapon. Love you Geo.

Postmark: June 30, 1944

FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY



June 3rd

My Darling Donna,
Your last letter arrived and
welcomed last week - you are sweet
to write so much when you have
so much to do at the Field
and at home in these hard
times - if all grandmothers were
as patient as yourself the war
would be over months sooner.

The snaps were very good, here
are some of them I want you to
save for me.

We are out from base camp this
week, fighting from tanks daily - very
hot and dirty but interesting - and
tired of so many cats and dogs.

Your trip sounded wonderful and I
know Tom loved it.

Please write and remember I love you
my love
Joe.



UNITED STATES ARMY
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

July 5,

Dear Donna,

I've been neglecting you again
I know, I'm terribly sorry - seems
this work is almost too much.

I had a wonderful time this weekend
with a girl from the University of
Louisville - she's a junior and very sweet.
Frank Elliott and I were invited to
a Phi Beta Phi house party on the
Kentucky River near Lexington - it was
the first I have ever been on and
proved to be a lot of fun.

We are now buying our officers
uniforms - just 36 days and we'll
be sent - really going to be won-
derful - I hope I make it.

Just told this very sweet and
had good advice. - I want you to



UNITED STATES ARMY
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY

know how much I enjoy them -
please keep on being my "pen
pal" will you sweetheart?

There is some talk that we will
go to Ft. Benning, Ga. immediately
after being commissioned - I hope
not, for I'm afraid I won't
make too good an infantryman -
"doughs" we call them in Armed Force.
I'll have to get some advice from
Chuck Curtis as to do go there.

Well I must close as ~~my~~ "tempus
fugit" -

time flies -
Please write to Dorothy
Yours
Joe

we spend the "4th"
working very hard!

77. Knox, Ky.
July 8, 1944

Dearest Sweetheart,

It certainly has been a long time since I have written my precious grandmother - and you have been so wonderful about writing me - and I did enjoy the clippings you sent me.

We have been giving interesting classes lately, during which various officers have described harrowing combat tabs. The policy of the tactical department is to teach us combat conditions, regardless of what the army

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quite handsome - if I wasn't
so good-looking myself I
would be jealous! Ha Ha

I suppose you'll hear all
the news about Powhatan
Carter and Jo Bob Leonard
when they get home, so I
won't tell you what happened
to the boys who graduated
tomorrow. - I hope I shall,
in ~~three~~ weeks, be sent to
Ft. R. - but some thing may
have to be lucky and I will
remain in sweet fate to

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says is supposed to happen, or
what the commuters of radio
built up to the public. This is
of course a very practical train-
ing for which we receive invalu-
able instruction.

Saturday night's being a good
time to this candidate - these girls
in Jan's are awful sweet - and
I certainly would like to bring
one home to you, I know you
would adore this one in particular,
but perhaps we had better wait un-
til some other time.

Mother sent me pictures of
Dan as a job and he does look

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do her job.

well, sugar, I must close,
so he now ~~sweet~~ and
write again soon. -

I love you and I know
you want to help the boys
at the Field, but you
mustn't work too hard,
please keep that in mind -

I'll be home soon

Joe Jr

27 Sept 44

Donna Daelin;

I just came first time
to write, please forgive me.

I am going to the field
for sometime, will get wet
probably. But I love the
out - of doors - yes, even in
the army.

Am glad you like my picture,
& like your letter, please
keep writing.

Only wish this mess was
over and I could talk to
you - I love you very
much Donna.

I am so glad Dell is

And, perhaps you and
Claire can get some well-
deserved rest.

How are things on the
farm?

Please tell Claire and Luther
hello for me - I know I
owe them letters, but I
just can't get the time to
write.

His Office of the Day, now,
and though its 2400, must
neglect the 3rd relief.

Yours always granddaddy

Geo. F.

Camp Bowie, Tex.

9/4/44

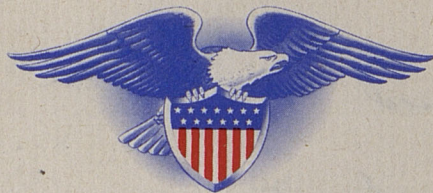
Dearest Paula,

Don't say I haven't written
since I got here, but I have
been very busy.

There isn't anything to tell,
I'm aren't platoon leader of
a 57 mm Anti-tank platoon,
and I haven't much chance of
getting ahead, however I'm settled
and have good officers, and
quite willing to let fate take
her course.

Spent the weekend in Ft. Worth
and had a nice time - who is
Parrish Staughter? How well do I,
or should I know her.

Must close for quite - don't
work too hard at the base and
please write. I love you
The



ARMED • FORCES • OF • THE • UNITED • STATES

Thurs mtd
 Jan 2

Dearest Emma,

How are you wonderful one?
 It's a fine one to be asking since
 I haven't written in so long
 a period. This is the first
 letter I've written in two weeks -
 and almost the first in 6
 weeks - as all can tell you.
 It's really busier now than
 I have ever been in my
 life before - working in an
 office in Division Headquarters.
 My job is doubly important
 this week for the May is on

leave and I am acting
Conscientious.

Seeing the folks was the
greatest thing that could
have happened - that old
"home" feeling of "family" was
constantly present, and it did
me wonders as far as relax-
ation was concerned.

I don't have to say I
appreciated the little gift you
sent down with the family,
you know I did, and thank
you sweetheart, you, down, are
my very best gal. Know that?
Please keep writing for I
love to hear from you - and don't
work too hard. With love
Your always loving grandson
Edo Jr.

Postmark: Camp Bowie, Tex.
Dec. 5, 1947

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell New Mexico

Dec 4th

Darling,

While I was home you mentioned something about a diamond you would let me have to give to my fiancé' on our engagement. Are you serious Donna?

At the time I wasn't aware of how much what you said would mean to me if I found the girl I wanted for a wife. The reason I am asking now is that I've found that girl - a picture from the N. W. K. paper is enclosed. You see, she is a very accomplished soprano and pianist - and she says she thinks his a pretty wonderful guy - which makes it 50-50. Yesterday was the most wonderful day I've ever spent in any hospital

because Betty Joe was here
all afternoon - she is so
sweet I am afraid she
is an angel and an
apparition and ^{not} a living at all.

The doctor says I'm do-
ing very good and that I
shall be out soon.

Please write when you
have time and tell me about
the stone.

all of my love
your grandson
Jo Jr.

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell New Mexico

December 6, '44

Dearest Donna,

After writing you last, you, then receiving your letter Tues, I figure I should write and explain again and more fully the reason for my letter.

First, I did not like parts of your letter. You said, I have not seen the world. That is true, and I suspect your view for the part that I haven't seen. But so far as knowing women and their ways, I suspect I know much more about that than any of you know.

Second, you say I am not 21. True. But there is no one person in this world under 21 that realizes it more than I - I ask you and the family to tell me I am older, not to tell me I am young, for that is a complex to me because I live in a world where my friends are 5 to 10 years older than I. - Please do not say, or remind me, that I am young - it is a difficult enough obstacle as it stands.

Third, you say the ratio is 7 gals to one boy. Again I am uninterested, why? Because whether it is 7 boy gals to 1 boy or vice versa, when I find the right gal it will not be due to

any greater number of girls to choose from,
it will be due to the character and
personality of that girl I pick. Would it
interest you, honey, to know that ~~the~~
several girls, of good families, have asked
me to marry them in the next 11
months?

Which being up the fourth ^{topic} ~~topic~~.
When will I marry? When I find the
right girl? No, I will get married
when and only when I feel that I am
old enough, when I have a visible
means to support myself, and my
family, when the war is over and when
I have ^{an} education, and then when I have
the right girl. Which puts the marriage
a long long way off. This subject has
been drilled into me constantly since I
was 14 - Now I wish to hear no more
of it from anyone, you, dad, Claire or any
old acquaintance. In other words I want it
"Verbotten".

Now darling I ask you to forgive
me for being so straightforward and
heartless, because I appreciate your interest
for it shows you love me and that

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell New Mexico

you only want me to gain happiness, which is, after all, the prime factor of our life. You may be sure that when I bring my wife home she will indeed be a lovely girl whom you will love as much as I.

The reason I asked about the stone is because, if it is true, I will have a great thing to think about, and I will not have a stone of no sentimental value, or family heritage, which would cause it to mean loss to me, and to my wife.

Another reason is because I am old enough to become engaged, and I may when I think I've found the right girl. - But not without thorough exploration and foresight. So don't worry about it happening for sometime.

I wish I was home to go duck-hunting again, for I do love to - but for that manner, if I could never go duck-hunting I would still rather be home than anywhere for that is the one place I love and the family is the thing that means most to me than anything, and I love you more.

Again let me say that I really
enjoyed your letter - do not feel
bad because I differ with you on
minor points, or if I ask you not
to write of other things, for I know
my mind on many subjects - on this
particular subject you may take my
word that you need never worry.

Please write again soon, for I
am always your attentive and
loving

Grandson
Geo. Jr.

P.S. please tell Elsie I found the check I wrote her
about.

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell New Mexico

Feb 6, 1944

Hi Sauting,

Whee your sick report! Patient
in Room 6 doing fine, temperature normal,
appetite normal, complexion better, spirits
excellent! You what more can you ask
of a pt. in the hospital.

Really Sauting this all fixed up - the
only reason this here now is to keep
from getting a relapse.

I've got my radio here and have
had it on constantly - it is the best
means of entertainment I've ever seen.
Just hear Lucky Stokes "h.i.d. parade" -
this also catching up on my correspondence
to all the boys + girls I've owed
letters for 2+3 months.

I have my own little room and
bath, and small mirror - one in
a fo Bunga, from Savannah
Georgia - I call her "Georgia" and
she's "sho' nuff" all a southern

gal. Cause the big thing is that
Betty Joe is coming down tomorrow
afternoon to see me - and
I'm very excited about that.
I'll have to get everything all
straightened up good for tomorrow.

I just had a wonderful
time when I was home, it
was so nice that we could
be together for such a wonderful
ful thanks giving turkey dinner.
And of course the ride to the
ranch topped everything all
the way around. The first of us
together for the first time in so
long. - was really grand, and the most
perfect leave I could have had.

Time to get my sleep, Drugg, doctors
orders. What soon for I love you
Elo J.

Geo M Slaughter

Roswell New Mexico

December 17th 1944

Friend,

I received two letters from
you today, both full of very
sound advice, which I assure
you I will take most ser-
iously. Rest and relaxation, and
build myself back to normal
is my new middle name.
Do not fear that I will be
imprudent for I shall use
my head and take good care
of myself. This will be my
last letter for awhile, tomo-
row I am released and go
back to work, and will have
a lot to do to catch up.

Thank you for pointing out
the snapshots, the ones I want
have a v (check) on the reverse

side.

I am expecting an answer
to my letter of the 14th any-
day now.

In the meantime do not
worry and write often as I
enjoy your letters so much.

Your adoring grandson
Geo. Jr.

(Date)

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This is to advise you that my ~~correct~~ address now is:

2nd Lt. George M Slaughter

(Grade)

(Name)

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(Army Serial No.)

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(Company or comparable unit)

(Regiment or comparable unit)

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Signature

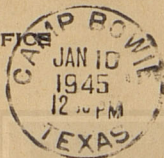
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W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 204

July 2, 1942

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13 March 45

Dear Emma,

Well, here I am, almost at my destination - and at a small town in France. I have seen a lot of new country, people and witnessed strange customs - and I have seen the devastation of war, the ~~total~~ destruction of towns and shells. And I have seen the poverty left in the wake of an advancing army, and years of occupation by a foreign people. It is not very pleasant - it is much more realistic than ever I dreamed - and now here I read an actually revealing article which describes with accuracy the conditions here.

But so much of that. I've visited in England and Belgium, and seen a lot of country - real beauty. - For many places, untouched by action are a beautiful pastoral scene of peace and color. - That is the landscape - the people are poor - wooden shoes and ragged - but they are clean, and, for the most part quite friendly.

I have thought almost constantly of my sweet Betty - she and I had such a wonderful time together those few weeks. I am

extremely crazy about her - she is a wonderful girl.

And Donna, I don't know how to thank you enough for the engagement ring, and for the whole hearted help before our marriage and after. - You were so sweet and wonderful to both of us - I know you are the best girl I have, and I love you so very much, Donna

I apologise for not writing before now but I know you realize what I have been through and that you will forgive.

I haven't received any mail at all, some of it is coming through however and I may be here long enough to get some - her is hoping!

Perhaps the war will be over soon and I may come home. I know everyone feels the same way.

Hello to Curtis & Claire - I want to thank you and them for the extra cash before I left home. -

Don't work too hard dearest and write when you can.

All of my love
Your grandson
Joe Jr.

GEORGE M. SLAUGHTER

26 Apr 75

Dearest Donna + Claire,

I apologize sincerely for not writing you sooner. I have been working long and hard, and I am tired - I try to write Betty more often than anyone. I know you understand why - I am so crazy about her.

I appreciate your letters so much I cannot express myself. I have a letter from Claire Apr 6 - Thanks for the letter Auntie Bill, and I should like another one when you have time - my regards to Curtis, but tell him I only saw his old stomping ground from a slab in the box car on which I rode as I traveled rather in hurry to the front.

Donna, your letter of Mar 24 was late getting to me. I hope you got my last letter, Apr 14th. I had some mail returned to me that I had written during that period because it was burned almost beyond readability. Also a letter of Mar 29, and a V-mail, Apr 7 and 9. (You must not omit my address on the inside of the V-mail form or it will not be sent V-mail, as neither of yours came V-mail but as regular air-mail letters. I got them the 24th of Apr.)

I have not gotten the pleasure you sent, or the magazine, but your letters are so welcome with their prayers and home news. Do not worry

stand me far & too feel that I
am in God's hands and that the
guardian angel is ever present.

I am well and unhappy because
I am not at home, but in good
spirits otherwise. All the men with
me have been over here from 6 months
to 30 months, so you see I have
no right to complain.

Loving you and missing Roswell
in the springtime. I must close.

Very sincerely
Geo. J.

16 May 1945
Germany

My Dearest Grandmother,

I have a V-mail from you to answer, written Apr. 26th

Since V-E day all has been quiet over here where I am. All of us are getting a rest in a little farming village in the heart of Germany. We have had two weeks to clean up and go back to garrison style living - even better in fact, for we have taken over private homes - they are just old and small, but they are comfortable and full of all the Germans' furniture, pictures, window curtains etc.

Its very beautiful country here, small farms dot the valleys, little winding roads disappear into the beautiful old forests

on either side of the valley,
trees grow around all the
houses, and each house has
a flower garden. Seems like all
the flowers are in bloom -
I had forgotten the beauty of
a flower garden in bloom.
Every day we put a new vase
of flowers in the flower vase
on the dining room table -
they are so pretty.

Donna, do you know that
you can forget about all the
horrors of war if you don't
think about them? I've dis-
covered that just lately, and
now my thoughts are on
my work, on you, for I love
you very much Donna, on
Betty, my sweet darling, and
of home - Mom Dad - Dan and
Tom - and all the folks so
numerous too mention now.

Oh sure, deep damn insidic dis
blue, very blue, but I try not
to think of ^{bad} hard. I want
to go home - I just think
what it'll be like when I get
home, and leave out the long
distant date of where.

I got the package of meat
you sent me in February
last mite. Only took three
months. But Donna they
were so good - its been so long
since I've eaten any. Thank
you very much.

Since I have the night
to go yet, better scratch off
a letter to Mom & Dad right
quick.

Oh yes, when you write V-mails
don't put any enclosures in the
letter as they do not photograph
them. But thank you for the

clippings, and please send
more of them.

Wello to Claire and
Curtis -

Good night young, I love you.

Your admiring
Grandson
Joe

28 May - Westphalia
near Brunswick
Germany

Dearest Anna

Have your sweet letters of May 9th and
13th before me - also your V-mail of May
20th (#14) which I received tonight.

I do not understand why you have
not received more letters from me -
you should have had 5 or 6 at
least this month and last.

I'm just getting lots of rest
now - eating, sleeping, athletics - a
lot of inspections, parades, etc.

I went to Liege on temporary
duty to investigate an injury to
one of men in the hospital
there. It was a thousand miles
round trip - went through
Brunswick, Hannover, Wesel, Juelich
and Aachen. - These towns really

I know what war is like - hands
a house remains undamaged.
The rest of Germany is
just a horrible ruin country
filled with tiny villages, sur-
rounded with most feared roads -

I'm glad you are doing your
part in this war effort, but I

imagine you to take care of
yourself and not to waste too
hard with the days at the

war, although I know they
separate in to very much.

Hope you enjoyed my

visit and the ~~first~~ experience -
many - most I had when there.

But the day will come I guess -
in the institution and thinking.

I'll be with you

Right now - and thank you
for the good!

12 June 1945

Dearest Donna,

Thanks not much news
to write in answer to your
grand letter of June 2. I enjoyed
reading the news-clippings also.
I hope you continue sending
them.

I've changed my address a little
bit, as you notice on the envelope.

Battalion Headquarters (Bn. Hq.)
which doesn't mean a lot except
I'm now a staff member and
pretty safe when it comes to
combat.

I am honored that you were
so worried about me, but I wish
you wouldn't worry - and you can't
go accurately by newspaper-reports.
The "Little Bunkie", so misnamed,
was a small affair, and I think only

5 officers and 30 men were killed,
and that happened every day - it
was just that we lost some
ground we had gained that
caused the big write-up.

And don't worry about any
snipers getting me. No German
has ever so much as looked
tough in the last month.
They all try to walk on your
sympathy and kneel to your
pinnacle.

I enjoyed your anecdotes about
the toilet paper, and it "rubbed"
my sense of humor pleasantly.
(Guess that's a little coming).

I am proud of you for your
work at the hospital; and I hope
to hear from you again soon.

Also, Donna, I love you no
little bit.
Your Grandson
Edw. Jr.