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Dear Bess:-

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Decoration Day, a holiday
and a grand one - got a letter
from you postmarked April 1
from Independence and April 5
at Camp Doniphan. It evidently
went all over the world and finally
found me at this artillery school.
It was your letter thanking me for
the Easter socks. I am glad you
got them and that they were all
right. I was on the sea sure
enough when you got them. I am
sure you must have heard from
me before this. You hoped in that
letter that you would get my cable
I could not cable but I'd made other
arrangements at New York which

should have reached you a few days after we landed. I have also written every time I've had a minute to get a letter in.

You've no idea how much pleasure a letter from you can give. I am the envy of every officer in the school who didn't get a letter and there were only about four. We can't understand what has become of our letters. I suppose they must have gone wherever the direction is. I hope to get an awful whenever they arrive. Oh wouldn't it be a grand day when they all arrive. If one can put me into the seventh heaven what do you suppose seven or eight or a dozen will do. I'll probably be so happy I'll simply float away.

Wouldn't it be one grand

glorious feeling to get into Lizzie and take a mile
over the country to Atherton and have a picnic as
we did on several holidays I can remember.

I am glad you got to see Oh! Boy. I tried to
see it in New York and couldn't get in.

We had a regular field meet today in the Chateau
Park. Major Gates and Major Rutledge tied themselves
together and ran in the three legged race. For a won-
der they did n't fall down. They had relay races and two
baseball games. The student officers ran a relay race
against the teacher officers and beat em to death.

They had it all pinned against us too to run
in a couple of ex college runners and we beat
them one better and ran in three. I was an inter-
ested spectator in all their games.

We hope to be with our organizations in about
ten days, and you're no idea how glad we'll be.

Please keep up that three a week because it will
make life worth living for another sixty days
when they come. I appreciate Mrs MacDonald's inquiring
about me. I told Joe knowsmith his girl is wearing
a pretty ring and he blushed like a school girl. I saw
the ring before she got it and it is mighty pretty.

I wish I could see you tonight

Harry Truman
1st Lt 129 F.A.
American E.F.
Via New York.

Yours always
Harry.

