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SECT C-2511 Base Unit 181P.  
BRYAN FIELD, TEX,



Merry Christmas

Pop & Shorty  
Roy & Avis  
Joe & Harv.  
Jon & Marvin  
Dutch & ??

Roy BADER  
BURLINGTON,  
COLORADO

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59th MESS SQUADRON  
ARMY AIR FORCES WESTERN TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND  
AMARILLO ARMY AIR FIELD  
AMARILLO, TEXAS

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**SUBJECT:** Information regarding the health and morale of one Pfc. Harold G. Kempton and such public relation news the Command of the Amarillo Post releases.

**TO:** The tenants of the Boy Bader farm, the tenants of the Fred Bader Farm and the tenants of the H. Sheldon ranch.

**NOTATION:** As but one original of this circular can be released, it is by order of the Post Command, that it be circulated thru the U.S. mail or personal delivery to the above named parties.

Now that we have a semi-official heading out of the way I shall attempt to pound out a few bits of information from this refuge from a scrap drive, the army calls it a type-writer. As the farmer said, when he got 50 quarts from one cow in one minute, I sure pulled a fast one.....I got the keys to the personnel room tonight and it has a couple of these type threshers, so I decided it was time to get your letters answered. I will send this to Roys as I believe he sent the fattest epistle, although I am taking into consideration the "hey You" card I recieved from the Sheldons. I've had an envelope ready for some time Roy, I expect we've had a hunk or two of your cows, we've had some very good meat lately. Sorry to hear you didn't get a chance to get a better market for them. I'm going out on the rifle range starting tomoro, we get 4 days of "dry range" without ammunition then 2 days of the real thing from pistols to tommy guns, so maybe I'll get in trim enough to knock off some of those coyotes for you. They must be getting very bad, you'll have to start some more of those drives, maybe the pheasant hunters will pick off a few. Harve I sure hope that Hoisington bunch gets to come down, I know they were planning on it. Was wondering if the elevator at Crusoe was leaning over the tracks, bet the Leaning Tower of Pisa will get a jar soon.....Wonder if Pop and Shorty still have any roosters left, maybe I could trade my turkey Thanksgiving for one of them eh?.....don't know if Mol has written telling you of my latest job, I'm now Prof. of Orientation, last week I had over 400 "students" during the week, but I do like it as I can keep up on the current news and have access to a lot of good army reading, but I could use a few pointers in teaching Avis, my students range from 18 to 44 years of age, from Yale grads to those who can neither read or write..... Another fellow here in camp, is also an exCommonwealth manager, we threw a party one evening and send the bill \$20.41 to the boss and he paid off on the nose....Have seen 5 football games so far this year, Amarillo has a championship type of team and most of the games as so one sided they are not to interesting.....go into town at least every other week end and spend it with the Jupes, John and I have started going to church once in a while, went to the Baptist two weeks ago and it was the most beautiful church I'd ever seen and was packed, they broadcast from there every Sunday morning.....Does look like Golden is on the way over being at an APO center, they are going to have a lot of men over before another year is passed, I would like a crack at it, but with eyes and age, suppose I'll be stuck in some camp here. The situation in Europe does look quite promising, but I look for a hard scrap, but when all the different fronts open up, Adolp is going to be busier than he was in his ole occupation, with two arms.

I believe a lot hinges on the coming conference with Russia, the time or duration of the war in Europe certainly hinges on the way the Russians continue their present campaign....The war with Japan does not look so bright as far as a quick defeat is concerned, for they will be amply able to carry on the fight themselves and it will take a lot of time to transfer or forces to the Pacific theatre, especially as it will be mostly a naval engagement or at least will be mostly amphibious. But we can all at least hope for some miracle.....

Guess Molly got a house, sure was sorry I wan't home to go a few rounds with that Landlady, I may go home the last of themonth when they move and help them, could be there a couple of days on a three day pass.

Harve, wonder how the fall fishing is going, those bass ought to be stocking up for winter.....I sure got a kick out of Johnny taking a September morn in the horse tank, guess he's training to be a sailor. I trust that your fall rains have set in by now and that you are getting a little pasture. by the way Roy did you get the tank fixed for those troublesome Texas critters up on the North 40?

Well folks I gotta get some lessons for tomoro and a little shut eye, so I'll be up on my sights.

Regards,

Jack.