Wednesday 8:30 P.M.
October 17, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad & Daisy Lu;

I suppose you have read about the reduction in points required for discharge to be effective November 1 and are concerned with whether or not I will be eligible for discharge. Well, the way I have it figured out I will have the required 46 points on the 1st of the month and will be eligible. However, I have no official confirmation of my total points so maybe somebody will try and figure them differently. I have submitted in writing the points I claim to have as of the 15th of September, and haven't heard any objection. I can't see where there could be. However, in spite of directives I have seen indicating that

the work I'm doing can not be classed as a "military necessity" this darn Inspection District is holding those eligible for discharge as long as possible + they can only do that for 120 days. When the official draw comes through I will go on record as claiming the necessary points for discharge and state that I do not desire under any circumstances to stay in the service beyond the date I qualify for discharge. That will at least start something and maybe I can get out before the 1st of the year at least the sooner I get out the better it will be for me in getting back to G.S. & Ed. if I chose to go back.

You can see that the score of the reduction in point requirements is the big thing on my mind now. I have been pretty darn busy at my job but I don't see why someone else can't take over without slowing down the settlement

of the contracts we have terminated. They should know that I am just about as inexperienced in the work as anyone else who is working with me! The picture on settling the claims looks good here except for a few contractors who have the majority of claims to get in, and I'll be darned if I can see where I can do any more than any of the others in expediting the submission of the claims. We will just have to wait and see what develops as one always does in the service.

We had a pretty hot, dirty and tiresome trip back here Sunday. The trip into Chicago wasn't bad. We arrived on time and immediately took position to one side but towards the front of the mob of people waiting to board the 11:30 train. I didn't think I had time to get a coach ticket or try for a reservation because

of the lines at the ticket window.
However, the coach section wasn't run into
the station until 11:40 so we had quite a
wait. At 11:45 A.M. they opened about five gates
and you should have seen the rush. I got
Mary & Sue through the gate and told them to
come at their own pace and be careful not to
get run over while I went hurrying on
ahead with the two suitcases and got us a
seat. I got one all right in an old steaming
hot Coach - all coaches were as old as the hills.
But we were lucky to have seats as many had
to sit on suitcases in the aisles. I never saw
such a number of people traveling. We were able to
get sandwiches, potato chips and pop about two
o'clock so that held us until we got here. We
arrived in Mansfield at 6:15 P.M. E.S.T. - Dick wasn't
there to meet us as he didn't get my telegram (he
received it on Monday). He came down immediately
when I called so we were home by 7:15 P.M.

It was sure nice to be home even
if for only such a short time! Hope I can stay
longer next time. Have a good trip West, Daisy Sue.
And make the most of your situation for the benefit
of all —

Love,
George