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Dear Mother

I want to thank you for your nice letter of X, 2, 20, and I really enjoyed reading about  
 my work. I didn't have but a very few of the people you mentioned in your letter because I was  
 in the state of '08 and didn't have the opportunity to get back to Jersey and see the one  
 people that were in. I hope that I will soon be home and when I do, you can bet I will be  
 the greatest to see the pig. I would appreciate it, if you could find out what some of my pals  
 in the state of '08 are now doing, and write and tell me. Could you do that?

Well as soon for work. I am fine and doing up with in the best way I can but and feel  
 sure the war will be over shortly. I have been overseas a year now and have seen some very  
 interesting sights here. The cold weather and rainy seasons is just about to begin and if any-  
 one had ever told me before I was overseas that it got cold in Africa, I would have said  
 never. But believe it, it does get cold here. I did not know that Miss Grop had got married  
 but I was very glad to find out. I do not have much time to write these days and as I write  
 you will forgive me not writing any often than I do. I wish to wish you all a Merry Christmas  
 and you and the whole year I will be home.

As far I haven't now like any of my home people anymore but perhaps before it is over, I  
 will. I do however hear from Laura Simonds quite often and she seems as good as well  
 as well as going in at Jersey and while home. Most of the people overseas think the quarter  
 business was well, but it is a surprise in the world there are a few who don't.

So long for now and write again when you can. I sure enjoy reading about the old time  
 home, again a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You are doing a swell job of home and  
 been it is. Love's to Mommy.

Sincerely,

Edw. Matthew W. Goshen.