

Taraquinia

June 30, 1944.

Dearest Mother, Dad and Fay.

Well as I have some time to myself and after just getting paid I feel pretty swell. Lt. Savick went on pass so I intended to do some letter writing but as a two day problem came up and I just got back this afternoon, I will write now. Whew! that is a long sentence. Roy Anderson is writing along side of me so I guess the evening will pass by rather quietly.

I have been receiving your letter regularly and just draw my thoughts in them. Every one wonders how come I get so my mail. I just tell them I have a lovely family that write at least twice a day.

I also have received three packages from you, the last containing the candles. The others contained candles and V mail. I thank heaps for them all.

I have just finished showing Roy my pictures of you for the second time. He said if are as swell as they look they must be wonderful. Roy asked me to ask you if you would please write him. He is a swell kid and I have known him quite some time, he's top. He said if your "boy friend" said anything to tell him you are writing "Uncle Roy"

Sgt Roy Anderson 366 37654.

The rest of the address is the same as mine. He's 20 years old.

Oh! yes before I forget Lt. Savick sends his regards to you (Fay). I guess I brag just as much about you all and Fay that at you become a topic of conversation.

I might as well tell you some of the many names I answer to. Pee Wee, 3rd Lt, Shorty, Shorty Pants, Blue Eyes, and Lt Savick calls me Peanuts; Roy calls me Duke. I really have

to be on the ball to catch
them all.

Yesterday I went to the
dentist to have a cavity fixed.
In fact there were two. I wanted
them taken care of before
I had any trouble. They
were in the tooth just
opposite the one on the
lower jaw I had fill about
four years ago. He said
the same things about my
teeth that others have
said. We have a swell
place to go swimming about
a 1/2 mile from here. It
is in a river which runs
into a canal which makes
it swell. From here I
looked out the tent and
could see the moon shining
on the sea far off in
the distance.

Swivel send in this letter
the stamps I promised you
I just dug them out of my little
picture album.

Here is something we got hold
of from the ----- I can't tell
you the source.
By adding 129 to a significant
day you get an answer.

- 1789. French Revolution
- 129
- 1918 German Revolution
- 1804 Man of the people - Napoleon
- 129
- 1933 Year of Hitler
- 1812 War with Russia (Napoleon)
- 129
- 1941 War with Russia (Hitler's)
- 1815 Napoleon defeated at Waterloo
- 129
- 1944 ??? (I hope it is the end
of the war.)

Your jokes were swell
I guess ~~to~~ you know that thing
and everyone enjoyed them.
Thanks a lot for them.