

San Diego, Calif.
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Dear Father,

So the town is finally joyful over the football victory. It sure should be. I had a funny feeling that they were going to win, but I really didn't expect them to do it that game. Jack Curtschi and I read the outcome of the game in a Madison paper and we could hardly believe it.

Well this is the last week here and it sure has been fun since Friday. As you will probably remember it was the day we started to fire the M. That is really a swell rifle. I wouldn't trade it for any other rifle in the world. There is very little kick to it and you sure can hit with it. You had better pray that I come out O.K. Thursday. That is the big day out here. I have fired expert with it so far and I sure hope

to continue to go that way. Got a letter from Ken today. He fired good with the 791. He got a score of 296. That is good sharpshooter. Jack Durtschi shot 268. That is just getting by. Any lower and he wouldn't have qualified.

My father is going to go hunting! That ought to be worth seeing. Jim trying to hit a duck or pheasant. It sure would be fun to see it rain just once. That would be a great pleasure. It doesn't cool up one bit here. It is still hot and dry as ever.

I'll just had a small interruption. He went out and drilled for a gull. Boy, I am sure sweating. Some of the fellows are going to the show now, but I am going to remain here and write letters because I want have time tomorrow. Tomorrow, I am going to "snap in" so I can get a little better score Thursday.

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You have asked about "snapping in". That is nothing more than getting into a good position fast, developing a good trigger squeeze, sight alignment, breath and timing. That is all very necessary before you can get a good score on the rifle range. Don't ever think that that is very easy! It is the hardest work I have ever had and I am not kidding either.

When you get back at five hundred yards and breath, you will miss the target by about 20 ft. I have seen it done a lot of times. The same happens if you don't squeeze the trigger or line your sights up right. In rapid fire you have to have a very good position or after you shoot it a couple of times, you will be firing on another target. So you see it is very important.

Saw a stage show last night.
It was good. The show after it
was o.k. too. He got to bed at about
midnight. That was really late, too.
Sure hope Miss. can win a football
game or two. Saw hello to everyone
including Mary Fardel. Guess I
shall close now as there is a
big discussion on now.

Love

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P.S. Thanks for the
cookies. They were
really sweet!

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