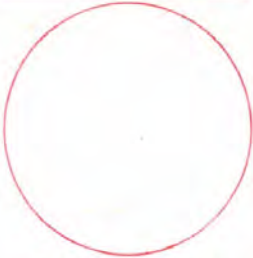


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Rc. Francis J. Shields, 12110 488
Co C - 3186 - Sig. Sv. Biv
A. P. O. - 4250
90 Postmaster - N.Y.

Mrs. Devereux Shields
(Sender's name)

244 - 84 St
(Sender's address)

Brooklyn - 9 - N.Y.

Nov-17-1944
(Date)

Dear Paw:

Well here is your second letter from Belgium rec'd today and written Nov 4th. I'm so disappointed to hear that you still haven't gotten any mail as yet. I can imagine how you must feel - me and Peggy are getting the mail from you regularly, and now Dot writes saying she finally heard from you from Belgium. We've finally decided that you must be at Antwerp. Those souvenir cards you spoke of to Dot - why not send them home and I'll put them away for you. The only thing new around here is that Marie & Felix expect a baby in June - he's in Texas and she came home. Joe is at Chanute Field, Ill. Now he says the surgeon says he's too nervous for teletype work and suggested a medical discharge. Joe says if they send him forth again he thinks he'll apply for the " " you know he's only 100 miles from Chicago and I guess he wants to stay near Harriet. Says on his next furlough he's bringing her home with him. Dot and Palerino still in Ga. Everyone else well - How Dot must envy you your travels. May Lovell always said the country was the same the world over - sounds like it when Belgium reminds you of the Genesee Valley & Niagra R. gorge. Wouldn't it be grand to have the whole world to cover that ground as a civilian. My last couple of letters I mail in the hopes you'll get it sooner. Today is Friday - next Thursday is Joe's 22nd birthday, and I'm thinking he'll probably be married before another birthday. Harriet is 23 - Let's know what you think of her when and if you ever get that pic I sent you. Peggy's mother said she must have had over some note - Did father wait till you were home for that. Not a thing new. Brian still wanders away when the moon is full. Beans are fine - Chief & Tommy have cooled down on photography. What hours they keep when they get in the cellar.

V...-MAIL

Love and prayers from Mother

Form Mrs. Shields
244-84 21
Bryn-9-ny



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New York, N.Y.

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- (2) PRINT the name and address in the two panels provided. Addresses to members of the Armed Forces should include rank or rating of the addressee, (1) Write the entire message plainly on the other side within marginal lines.

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