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Dear Miss M^{rs} Lyman:

Received your last letter today - glad to hear that all is going well back there - must have been great for Peneault & Murray to be back for Knox - would have liked to have spent Knox back in the States myself -

I had a letter from "Big Ed" about a week or so ago - in which he told me all about the rigorous life he was leading in La Belle France - he said he had seen Ray lately so I think they are all right - though the Jessie surely put a dent in us - we had talked to some boys who were up there - & from what we can gather it was no picnic.

Had a pleasant surprise last week - a letter from Captain Kelley

you could have cracked me
over with the proverbial feather
when I saw it. The last time I
heard from Carroll he was a 2d Lt.
on D.S. & grumbling at the prospect
of remaining one for the duration.
It was good to hear from him again.
He hasn't changed a bit to my way
of thinking - at least from what I
could garner from his letter.

We had snow here today - the
first of the year. The mountains had been
fairly well covered with it for some
time & further north they have had
earlier fallings - but this was our
first real look at a snow fall. The
holidays had the familiar cold snap to
them but it was no "white snow".

The Log put in an appearance
a short while ago. first news I've
had of Thelma's wedding. chalk up
another for Pupid. looks like Talbot,
Malony & myself will be the only

three single men from the class
of '43' - by the time this thing winds
up - & knowing Robert as I do - I'm
not discounting the prospect of
meeting a Mrs Gallant - when I return
home -

I guess that's about all from
here - tonight - they are keeping us
derty busy of late - with little or
no prospect of a let-up - Want to
thank you for the swell Xmas card -
you sent - It was certainly fine of
you to remember us as you have -

My best to Priscilla & Mrs. W. E. Lynn.
hope that the family will all be together
again & malta subita -

Sincerely
John