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Dear Russell -

It's hard to know
what to say to a brother
who is at the end of
the world almost - when
all the rest of us plan
to be home. I'm sure
you know that we
"wish you were here" -
but it helps to see
it in writing, doesn't it?
Like at Thanksgiving,
we will be saying "if
Russell were just here" -
But it sounds wonderful
that you might start

Home in January or February.
That isn't so awfully far
away -- if it wasn't that
Christmas comes in between.
At least, it's something
to look forward to.

I'm glad you wrote
to Joan. I went to work
one morning and she
looked up at me with
a funny little grin and
said "Guess who I got
a letter from?" Of
course I knew. She
was very much pleased,
and surprised. Did she
write you a nice letter?

She seems to take a lot
of pains with her letters.
She is doing without her

crutches now and just
limps a little.

I'm glad you liked the
pictures. I took some
more when I was home
Thanksgiving, but, silly me,
I didn't get either one of
the boys in them! But
I will send you some of
~~them~~ when I get some
reprints. I took two of
Aunt Mary that turned
out swell - also Kenzie,
(the dog, you know).

I thought I wasn't
going to get home for
Christmas this year because
of it being on Tuesday,
and Monday being a
work day, but the War Dept.

Came out with a swell idea.
 We get Monday off and
 work Saturday instead,
 so we have a nice long
 weekend from the 23rd
 through the 25th - Then
 work from 26 thru 29.
 The only thing is, our
 choir has its special
 program on the 23rd -
 I don't know how they
 will get along without
 me! I wish you could
 hear us, though. Sometimes
 we sound good!

I will write you again
 when I get the picture
 printed.

Love,

Weather is
 down to 20
 or so tonight.
 Arrn!

P.S. It's swell
 to have a kitty
 around - I love 'em.

Dorothy