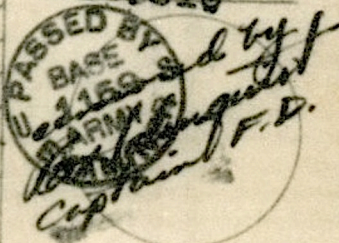


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To W. T. HOLMQUIST
3241 WEST 45TH AVE
GARY
INDIANA U.S.A.

From CAPT. W. Holmquist
(Sender's name)
51st Troop Carrier Reg
(Sender's address)
APO 760 9TH AV.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
(Date)

Dear Mom, Dad and all, ①

This has been one of those sad happy Christmas. Plenty to be happy about and thankful for and yet so much to make me lonely. I rigged up a tree and had all my presents spread under it. Yesterday evening was the grand opening - "Just like at home." I certainly appreciated receiving all of the gifts and cards from you. All so appropriate and useful and just when I needed them. Also a box from Uncle Bills and one from Kenlanders and Botterfields. So I was a happy little Bobbie last night with an arm load of what Santa Claus brought to me. Thanks much for everything.

Today was somewhat like Christmas. I attended church in the morning and then strolled back toward the office so as to be sure to get back too late to do any work. Then over to the Squadron for a big feed - Turkey and cranberry sauce and all the trimmings. This afternoon to the hospital and then back here to the office. So I have avoided work all day and that suits me.

V-MAIL

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