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The death of Al Leary was a great shock to me as we were great pals since being Lorasman we had much in common to talk about. Al would stop to see me almost every day and talk over the good old days back at Dubuque and Loras. We would exchange papers and clippings telling us about what was new at home. Al was a daily communicant when he could come to Mass.

The parents of all my boys can be justly proud of their lads. Let no one back there tell you that the soldiers don't go to the Sacraments. Nearly every lad goes to Communion at the Mass they attend. It gives me great comfort and strength to see the readiness of the faith of most of those Catholic lads.

I am fine and the hunting jaunts I used to take in my free time at Wexford come in good stead now as I then developed a good pair of legs which I now use climbing the mountains of Lusson.

I have conducted a few civilian funerals at the churches here. They have no priest in this section right now. The Philipinos also come to Mass when they hear about it. The Philipinos certainly are appreciative to us Americans for their liberation. They have undergone many hardships during the years of occupation by the enemy.

I see this letter is getting quite long. Best regards to all the Fathers and the two Archbishops.

Yours fraternally,

To Louis White  
Louise.

O. S. got a letter from Eddie L. he's a major now. He sure deserved it. He says Santa brought him a nice day.