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Dear Joe: —

Just finished putting in my day and taking it easy. He never did much today for it has been snowing most of the day.

Sorry for not writing sooner. I got your letter while I was still in the northern woods so it must be over a month now. I did write a letter two weeks ago but I forgot to mail it the following Saturday so I never sent it.

Since I came home from the woods I've been on the farm. Although I've been here about a month now I've only worked in the field about eight days at the most. The weather has been so bad most of the time we just couldn't work. The first week in April the wind ~~but~~ blew every day. On the second week ~~it~~ it started ~~with~~ a white morning on Sunday and wind most of the other days. One day that week it was nice. The third week it started out pretty nice. Then on Wednesday it started to blow again. On Friday I started in the field and it was an awful day to start. The wind blew so hard ~~some~~ ^{on account of} times I just couldn't see in front of the tractor. ^{the tractor} The next day it was worse. The last week of the month started a little white on Sunday

But it cleared up Sunday and was nice all Monday.
For the rest of the week we had snow, rain, and
wind. May started really nice. We thought spring
was really here at last for it was really nice and
hot for a few days. Since Saturday night we changed
our mind about Spring. Saturday night about 10:
15 o'clock we were struck by a wind going at a
rate of 45 miles per hour. It just came with a bang.
~~and came~~ from due north. Just north of the house
we just cultivated the land and ~~when it came~~
Sunday ~~so~~ most of the soil was in the house. I sleep
upstairs and I had my window on the east side open
but ~~my~~ my room was covered with sand. The boys
got the most sand ^{in the house} I believe for he had his north
window open. Sunday ^{his room} I went to town to see clothes and
beading hanging on lines everywhere. I heard some fellows
even got lost and others were black with dirt. I
read an article in the paper about 4 fellows about 18 or 15
who had to spend the night behind rocks for they couldn't
get home on account of the sand. The wind died down about
twice in the morning. Sunday and Monday night it blew a little
but not very bad. To-day it started to snow about
1 this morning and has been snow ^{ing} all day. It is supposed
to be the 8th of May but it sure doesn't feel or look like
it out here. Although the grass is a little green you wouldn't
know it was spring otherwise.

Yesterday was V.E. day and every place must have been celebrating. Maguire had a little celebrating bonifying and burning Hitler. Leetbridge done the same too and they were shooting rockets by the dozens. The farm here is fairly high up on the hills so I seen some of the rockets exploding in the air. Those boys sure must be glad its over over there. I sure hope the rest will ~~be~~ quick soon so we can live in a peaceful world again.

Next month some time we will be starting to thin beets again. He should start in May but I believe we won't on account they couldn't put the seeds in early due to the bad weather.

It's only Tuesday today and I don't get in to town till Saturday so I can't mail it right away. That's why I forgot about the other one. I'm only 2 1/2 miles from town but just get in Saturday night and get Sunday off. Saturday nights I usually go to see a show. Two Saturdays ago the Japanese young fellows put on a social or dance but I didn't go. Five of us boys screamed to Raymond. We really got cussed the next day from the others for been poor sports but I didn't care. I still don't dance and never care much about it.

I guess Q.E. must have mixers once in a while too. While I was going to school we had one but I stayed home. Even at Q.E. I only went to one mixer and that was enough for me. ~~Two~~ Two more months and school is

are finished and you'll be out of ^{high} school. I myself should
be out too but I guess I'll ~~never~~ ^{never} see the day I
graduate from a high school. The twins will finish grade 8 in June
but I believe Harry will be out of 6. When they started in Mayville
they had to repeat one year so they are back one year.

Now its started to snow like heck again so I believe
I won't be in the field this week again. We broke
the truck engine yesterday so we removed the engine to-day
and to-morrow intend to replace it with another engine.
Well time is flying and I've still got another letter to
write and that's the way so I'll close here by saying
so-long.

Yours Sincerely
Jackie

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Spring seems to be coming again but I believe the wind
will blow it by again. On Wednesday it turned warm again
and the fields ~~are~~ dried enough for us to work again.
Yesterday and to-day I worked in the field. But the wind
keeps on blowing the sand away from near as fast as I
can work it. It seems like the wind just can't stop blowing.
To-day it didn't blow quite as bad but to night its started again.
The weather otherwise is fine.

To-morrow is Saturday, the day I look forward to each week
and Sunday the day I can sleep till ten o'clock. Good-bye again