



Somewhere in Tenn.
"Bellwood Area"

UNITED STATES ARMY

Oct 15th '43

Hi Scotty Old Pal,

Well pal I see you didn't forget to keep your promise. I received your most welcomed letter today. So glad to hear you're passing so far with flying colors, keep 'em flying boy. So you don't come for the hole you're in well heck up pal it won't be long before you'll be having the finest the Army Air Force can give and that something I told that gang you were asking for them and they all send their love.

Here's some dope on what's happened since you left our happy little family. The first thing is where we're going after the maneuvers. The only thing definite is it's within 600 miles of Tenn. Next thing it's

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unmanned that five launches start Oct.
22nd and run there until Dec 12.
Those that don't get one at this
period will get on in January.
Being home for Christmas is out,
why I don't know. The maximum
number of days is 15 and the
minimum is 12 days. Those that
haven't been home will go first
so I guess I'll have to wait
until January. I don't care just
as long as I get one and if I don't
I'll take one. Here's something else
the captain transferred me to 1st
platoon and boy is Stepha mad
because he's afraid I'll be made
staff. I have a good chance because
they're getting fed up with
Ruggocki (I think that's the right
spelling). He doesn't know his
ass from a hole in the ground.
I'm working hard for it so wish
me luck. The rumor is that
Duffy will take your place.
I think there'll be a big shake
up when we reach a base
camp.



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Remember Lee Shaw who was in 1st Platoon and then went to O.C.S. Well he's a 2nd Lt. and is with the 2nd Cavalry starting yesterday. He came to see us all today. He hasn't changed much and it doesn't seem like he's a Lt. to me. I guess Newton will be leaving soon. Since I've found out he was leaving he's been working his head off to see if he can't take that vacancy for 1/4. I hope he doesn't get it because he sure was lazy for so long.

Old Frank Kelly got drunk last night and what a time we had with him. I started to take him to bed and he passed out like a light. I thought I was carrying a dead man what weight. He passed out three times before we got him in bed.

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my plans for getting married
are all set b/c I'm waiting
for my furlough so wish
me luck. My maneuvers are passing
fast and we're classed as the
best Pen. off. for getting information
in the whole maneuvers. Not bad
hey kid.

I miss seeing you old pal
and I'll never forget ^{you} as long
as I live. You're one of my best
pals and I want you to know it.

Well pal it's getting late
and I have to get ready for our
usual Saturday inspection tomorrow.
Write soon.

KEEP 'EM FLYING

SCOTTY

OLD

BOY

Yours Pal Always
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P.S. Don't forget those wings?