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Dear Alice:

Every time I write a letter home, I promise somewhere therein that I'll answer your letter, but I never do it. This won't be much, but this at least is an attempt.

First, thanks for the picture - it's the only one I have that's any good of you. Didn't you have any enlargements made? They do make them for you don't they? And this isn't a gentle hint - it's an order.

This is Sunday, and I'm only working a half day. The office force got behind a few days ago when we moved to a new area, but we're about caught up now and everything is running pretty smoothly.

We have a new adjutant whose name is Capt Kelley. He was formerly a teacher and coach in the high schools in Florida. He knows Theodore. Is Theodore still in Madison?

Say, here's something I meant to tell Dad before I left home. The bus needs a new carburetor, and I intended talking him into buying one. It will pay for itself in no time in gasoline saving. This is certainly a bad time to have a car that burns about twice as much as it should.

Have you received a letter from Russell since he left the U.S.? I hope he lands in the Hawaiian Islands. That must be about the best place in the whole South Pacific area.

Better sign off now - maybe I'll add some more before I mail it. Some mail just came in, so I may have another letter from somebody down your way. I haven't gotten any mail at all for over a week.

*yes, I scared - got a letter from Jewell -  
And I just mailed her one yesterday -  
How do you like that?*

*Feeling kinda bum with a slight  
cold today - think it will clear up  
by tomorrow.*

*Tell everybody hello - hope everything  
is going OK - Love - Bill*