

Thursday Afternoon  
June 25, 1942

Dear Mama -

It has been several days since I received your letter - I haven't had quite as much time lately to write as I usually have. During the week that the men were in the field, we had practically no work to do. Two of the companies are back now.

I guess it's just as well that I don't write too many letters - you have plenty to write I guess.

Well, I first told you I would only be here 6 ~~or~~ weeks, but I'm still here, and the weather gets hotter every day. Another rumor is out now that we're going to some place in the Eastern part of Canada - so just forget Alaska. You may as well forget them both - nobody really knows where we're going. And there's no telling when - we may be here a long time yet, but I hope not.

I'm glad you're having a good meeting - Jewell told me about two preachers holding services there - I didn't know them. I've heard of Reed Watson a lot, but I doubt if I would know him if I saw him. Blair

is a new man on me. I never heard of him. I haven't been to church anywhere yet - I've had to stay here as "charge of quarters" the last two - they don't have any services at night.

I guess I told Alice most of the news - there isn't much to talk about. Just the same old routine day after day - no recreation. They have a few open-air theatres, but the nearest one is a pretty good walk. I stay broke most of the time anyway, loaning money to my buddies. They get in crap games and lose it.

There's so much red tape to the new pay bill that we won't start drawing the full amount for about 4 months. I don't know whether all the soldiers are being paid that way or not, but they're doing it to us anyway. Of course we'll eventually get it all.

Mosquitos sure are thick here - some of the companies have nets, but we don't. I'll be glad to get out of this hole.

I don't know if we'll get furloughs - nothing has been said about them. We'll get them if they plan to send us overseas, but if we go to Canada, it's doubtful.

Hope everybody is OK -

Love,  
Bill