

July 16, 1943

Dear Mama-

I was within reach of having all my letters answered a day or two ago - now I'm behind again and I need to work fast - this will be a short one.

The trip I told you about - the one that netted the sweet milk - is coming up again this Sunday - hope I get some more milk! Almost like being at home. For supper this evening we had hamburgers, with trimmings - and chased it with apple pie and vanilla ice cream. So, as far as food goes, I am content at the moment.

Did I tell you when I was getting a furlough? - anyway, it's sometime in '44 - possibly during the summer. Ain't that nice??

Yes, I've heard from Dorothy since she moved. She doesn't know whether to be happy for being closer home or sad because of the new environment. I am sure, tho, that she made a very wise move. Cincy shouldn't be so crowded.

Is Eleanor Albertson the wife of Clarence A.? It's been some time, you know, since I've heard about all the relatives. Do they have a daughter named Anna Joyce? I hope I have that straight

Did I celebrate the 4th? Yes, the good old "GI" way - with a "blare of bugles and a ruffle of drums" - the first parade at APO 727 - or at (censored) Alaska.

Now, if we could move through

Tojo's defenses like our forces
have in Africa and Sicily (possibly
Italy when you read this) the
war would soon be won. Just
wait, some day we will - and the
little "rising sons" won't rise a-
gain for a thousand years. The
summer of '44 is a little too
early to accomplish this, so maybe
I'll get a furlough yet before it's
all over.

I got Alice's letter today - I
always enjoy them lots. Tell her a
letter is practically on it's way.

Hope everybody's OK.

Love to all,

P.S. Did I tell you I Bill
increased my allotment to
\$50, effective in July. 1st payment should
arrive early in August.