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Dear Mom -

I've been terribly lax for the last several days about writing. Thought I had better settle down and write home at least. We've been painting our hut - that, along with movies, orientation programs etc, doesn't leave a lot of time for writing.

I wrote a check last week to buy a radio - it's a General Electric 6-tube, 3-band. Not so big, but a good size for a nice tone - and it is built into a very pretty cabinet. I can't send it home but I can bring it along when I leave here again. Maybe I can send you a picture of it some day - I would like you to see a picture



taken inside our hut, now that we have it painted. You can't detect the color of course but I think you will be able to see the difference. We painted a butter yellow down to a few feet from the top of our huts and a light shade of green from there down.

I made another trip to the rifle range last week. Remember my writing you about the other trip back in August '43? Told you about sleeping in pup tents? This time we only spent one day on the range. I did better this time - made a score of 174 out of a possible 210. That qualifies me as a sharpshooter. Maybe I can make expert next



time if I ever go again. I could have made it this time with 6 more points.

This is really a wonderful radio for the money - \$38.50 - I can get several stations in the U.S. Most of them are on the West Coast - but I have gotten them in Denver, Colorado, and several in Texas. Nothing east of the Mississippi - yet.

I finally heard from Johnny. He has known the brother of the boy I know up here for two years or more. Quite a coincidence - Johnny and Larry make their own coffee - and drink together. So do we up here.

Thanks to all of you for remembering me on my birthday -

Write me when you have time -
Love - Bill