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Dear Alice -

Your letter, posted on the 18th, arrived today. That, my dear is good time, eh? Thanks for the news - I'm off today, Sunday, so I'm coming right back at you.

Yesterday was the second birthday of our regiment. We celebrated with a special dinner - roast chicken, dressing, cranberry sauce, cottage cheese, lemon pie, ice cream, coffee. The menu was as long as your arm but I don't remember all the items now. It was a darn good meal anyway - in fact we've been eating good meals

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for a long, long time.

The picture of Miss De Havilland enclosed is taken at the business end of our show line. She had already been through the line, and had just concluded a little speech. The dreamy guys in the background are the cooks and KP's who served the food. The large sign above her says "our heart throbs - WELCOME - Olivia" - And we meant that too. She's sincere, not a publicity hound - one of the best in my opinion.

Is Dad still at Queida?
You said he forgot his
pocket book - and came back
several hours later to get it.

Had he been to Queida - or
just to town. You've got
me guessing.

Sorry I was looking so
sour when Jimmy swapped
my picture. I had to sit
still for 5 seconds - it's
taken inside Jimmy's hut and
the lighting wasn't too good.
I should have straightened
my tie, too.

Bob Hop's on the radio
now - he says "Everytime I
look at one of these re-
cruiting posters, Uncle Sam
drops his eyes."

So that I don't exceed
the half-ounce limit. I'll
close here. Hope all are
well.

Love,
Bill