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Dear Mama -

Received your letter a couple of days ago. I was glad to learn you had heard from Johnny. He hasn't yet written me. Neither has Russell since he went to Aberdeen.

My evenings have been so well filled for the last few weeks I have written very few letters. I am behind right now about a dozen - Jennell, Alice, and Dorothy included. Tell Alice I'll write her next, and that I'm sending her some pictures. Last week I sent her, in two separate wrappings, a scenery picture and an enlargement of Olivia de Havilland standing at the entrance to our Library.

I worked every evening from 7 to 11 in the darkroom with Jimmy approximately two weeks. He has a new boss now and has had to discontinue the unofficial printing temporarily. Other things that take up my

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evenings are movies and softball games. You may have already heard about the tournament being held up here. A series of games are under way now to determine the Aleutian champion. The winning team will go to Anchorage to play the top Alaskan team. Our team went to the 980 finals. That is, the finals in the tournament of this past.

I've quit thinking about furloughs. It just wasn't in the cards, that's all. And if I stay up here another year or so I'll quit thinking about the U.S. - I'll forget it ever existed. We just got stuck and there's nothing we can do about it.

Time to go to work now - I've written this during lunch hour. I'll be writing again soon. Take care of yourself -

Love to all,
Bill