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12 ~~Oct~~ 1944

Dear Dorothy

Sorry I haven't written sooner to notify you I received the bag. I meant to drop a card the same day but you know me. Or should I by now.

My furlough since you left has mostly been just sitting around. Russell and I looked up a couple of gals in Harriman the day we took Jewell down. Dad has been taking the car to work so it's here just long enough to take a look at, and tell it goodbye again. Of course if I used it now I'd have to talk Dad ^{out} of his gasoline stamps - and he just has enough to get by on. I guess I keep forgetting there's a war on.

About the bag - it's OK. I could have used a larger one - but if I carry the toilet articles separate I can make out fine. Thanks a lot until I can send you some money. That will be after I get back to camp I think. If I can draw another partial payment in McPherson

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I can send it sooner.

Ask those officers who told you I am not likely to be returned to the Aleutians if they aren't confusing "recuperation" with "rotation." Men returning from overseas on the rotation plan are reassigned and kept in the States or sent to another theater. But those who come back for 30 days recuperation (that's me) are supposed to be returned to their unit, regardless of where it happens to be. Mine seems to be sorta stuck at 980 so I think I know where I'm going. Anyway, that's where I want to go, believe it or not. I'm not crazy - I hope. I don't like the place but I don't like the Army either - so where does that leave me? At least I know what I'm going back to.

Now look at all the excitement I've caused. I was writing all over the sheet trying to explain. I wish I could believe those officers, but I just know it can't be otherwise.

You probably haven't heard of

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Mrs Vanovers' death. It came sort of unexpected I think. Thelma and Alice were just back from a visit with her on Saturday and she died early Sunday morning. She will be buried in Kentucky, but funeral services will be held here in the Baptist Church. Thelma was pretty badly torn up about it - had no money and didn't know where to turn. Bob and Blanche took charge of a bad situation, started a paper around for donations, and was using his car to take Thelma over to Schuberts so she could see Mrs Vanover. Don't you wonder sometimes how people could live if it weren't for a few good ones mixed in?

I don't have your letter with me so if there was something in particular you wanted to know you're out of luck. All kidding aside - honest - I'll check your letter before I seal this. But it's getting late - so long to the next time. Your next word from me will be from APO 90 - I betcha!

Love,
Dice