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Dear Mom -

I intended to write cards all along the route but I didn't. Won't be long now, however, until there'll be more time on my hands - then you'll be hearing more regularly.

We had a 30 hour layover in Chicago - visited with the girl I know there. She lives so far from the station it takes an hour to reach her home by street car. Spent the night in a hotel. Had a pretty good time but I didn't get to see Harry's folks this time. I just phoned them and said hello.

I'm not supposed to tell you where I am - just on the Pacific Coast. But I think you know anyway.

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Concerning the note - I'm not getting back to my outfit as early as I thought I would - and I've drawn most of my pay in partial payments. So you may have to pay it for me unless you can get Mr. Leuelace to give me an extension. I think it's due about the first of the year. I'll borrow the amount as soon as I get back to camp - and mail it right out but that may not be early enough. I don't know how long I'll be here - but write me anyway. Just name, serial no., and the APO, <sup>4092</sup> Seattle, Wn.

Love to all  
Bill