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Dear Mom -

Got your letter yesterday - should have written yesterday as soon as I got it but it was a beautiful day and I had the day off so a gang of us went for a walk - then took in a USO show. A magician, a young gal to sing who was very good - one played the piano - Boogie woogie mostly, which I don't care a lot for but the gal knew her piano all right.

I'm writing with a new pen - I bought it not because I needed one too badly, but mostly because it was a good buy in the PX. I paid 1.65 - it's a \$3.00 pen in civilian life, plus tax - Waterman's. I can't send it home but if and when I get back - I can forget it when I leave.



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Glad to hear Mr. Dillon is better.  
I guess the S.S. class was glad to see him return.

I went back into the picture business last Saturday night. We worked until almost 11 tonight - it's getting late now and I'm a little sleepy. Guess this letter will be short.

We just started on a new work schedule today. We go to work at 8:45. Quit for dinner at 1:00 - eat at 1:15 - back to work at 2:00 and off at 6:00. But I'm hut leader - and I have to report the men present (or absent) each morning at 7:15.

Have you heard from Russell? Or is he still in California? I finally got a letter off to Dill (Willie) last week. He had sent me a greeting card with Merry Thomas or something in a foreign language. Does Kenneth write to you?

Tell Caroline she may consider this her letter too. I have a time writing



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so many letters to the same place.

My main problem in writing Caroline is something to say - because I can't read what she has written.

We've had a pretty snow on here the last several days. There is usually so much wind the snow just piles up here and there in huge drifts. But this time we got a nice quiet one - just like at home. I can talk about snow like that - not the fellows who must slash around in it all day.

Everybody is in bed but me. Guess I'd better call it quits.

The Russians aren't doing bad at all are they?

Say hello to everybody - tell Dad to lay off from work all he can.

Love to all -  
Bill



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Bill

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