

Monday 4:30pm

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Since the above was written I have had not one minute of leisure time, & very little sleep – went on as officer of the day at 345 Saturday & was relieved at 345 today Monday a few hours after I wrote the above 2 soldiers stoled [sic] a jeep, took it out of the area & totally wrecked it – I was up all night attending to the affair & had to work all day Sunday & suspect my guards last night I was at no fault in the affair, but wish it had not happened, for the trouble it caused it caused me if nothing else

The present troop set up is this: Duffey is a limited service man; he has plans of a Battalion of troops here – Two more companies are coming soon; his reasons being that he wishes to become Battalion Commander – Civilian help here is practically nill & the troops are being sent into the magazine area every day now – Despite the fact that the companies haven't finished their training, he is encouraging their working in the magazine area then visioning what would amount to a labor Battalion to remain here throughout the war – whether this is the purpose of our Headquarters in San Jose are not, I don't know – Despite the fact that I know you would like me safe from overseas duty, and I naturally wouldn't encourage such a move, the idea of remaining here under such conditions doesn't appeal to me – The morale of the troops, perfect before Duffey arrived has become very poor – AWOL's absent without leave is frequent & becoming worse – There are practically no recreational facilities for the new, and the [illegible] this place, as far as they are concerned will prevent improvement in that line – I imagine that we will experience a good bit of difficulty with them in the future.

I am Summary Court Officer, and although I haven't had time to read the manual of court martial as well, I am to try an AWOL case tomorrow

Did you receive the dinero I sent – I got the pictures – Thank you sweet person - I hope to Hell I can find time to have my picture taken, but don't know when I will – Shall probably run into Suzanneville this, week, some night for confession & then for mass on Easter Sunday.

Was just looking at the snapshot taken of you and the bat & Gipse the I left for the Army – 'Tis one of the best you ever had taken & made me feel intensely homesick to look at it

Mary Ellen wrote and said that she had only one card from Patrick said he went to Washington – She also said that Aunt Maggie asks about me all the time – I am trying to find time to buy Mary Ellen a present but can't seem to

Hope that Philip is in India; reading accounts of actual bomber losses bothers me. You know, though, if it weren't for you, I think I would like to go overseas – How is the war in Russia – haven't read much about it lately

Am glad that you are spending a couple of days each week in the library – a job even if it isn't especially pleasant removes ones mind from daily routines even though one might feel no actual result of it

Mother dear tell MM to write occasionally – Tell Aunt Nell hello, and that I find myself thinking about her at odd times frequently – Tell Ed that he should write also – In fact I don't believe I ever had a letter from him