



FORT BRAGG, N. C.

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Jo.
Received your letter yesterday. My sincere apologies for having written that letter bawling you out. I had no intentions of making you feel bad. I feel like a heel for having written that letter.

Yes, I have received both your card and letter.

Thank you for the phone numbers. You can be sure that I won't lose them again. I have your address memorized so unless I lose my memory (it is possible you know) I won't lose your address.

Don't you worry if I ever get another opportunity ^{to go home.} you won't be able to keep me away.

Even if you tied a medium tank to me and pulled the other way. It is only logical for them to let us go home before sending us anywhere, but then the army often times does not see logic to things like that. I think we will get home though.

As for fighting being very near, yes it is. But don't let yourself think about it. Just put it off as a thing of necessity but ^{of} no importance. Thinking about it will do no ounce of good.

I've read and heard over the radio of the explosion at Harris, but have no details as to the number of casualties or who they were. Write to me in detail of just what happened and who were the ones killed, or send me a clipping from one of the western newspapers. These papers have the story but it's quite brief.



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If Auntie hasn't heard from her folks this may be just the thing to get her to write to Uncle. And good might come of it. When she hears about this like I did, and her not knowing where Uncle is she is liable to jump to the conclusion that Uncle is still at Harris. Had I not known that Uncle was no longer employed at Harris I would now be worried stiff. She (Auntie) might even come back soon as she hears of it. Yes, I know it sounds crazy, but crazier things have happened. At least you can't kill a fellow for dreaming can you? Just put yourself in her place, her not having any knowledge of where Uncle is, she hearing over the

radio what I did. It is very possible even though it might not be probable.

I have heard from Uncle.

Dont even remind me of how long it has been since we saw each other. It is a shame. It has been an awfully long time. With a little luck though we will see each other again soon.

Mickey Rooney appeared here in person. He was here (sponsored by the U.S.O.) three days. Clyde Lucas and his orchestra and other performers were with him. I didn't get to see his performance, but I did see him at the Service Club. He was here only a few minutes. The boys just about killed him in the rush. He had six M.P.'s with him. The boys didn't stop just because of a big M.P. they would shove him out of the way, too, and get to Mickey. He. (Mickey)



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gave two impersonations was all, as he had a performance that night at the Post. He is just as you see him in pictures, unruly hair and all, only much smaller than he appears to be when on the screen. He is really tiny. His stay here was a real success. I didn't go see his performance because of the crowds. I only had one opportunity to see him and we had been inoculated that day so that I didn't feel like being pushed around. I can say I saw him, if only for just a few minutes.

Incidentally "Babe on Broadway" is now showing ^{here}. His impersonation of Carmen Miranda ^{in the movie} is quite something.

It has been raining steadily for three days now.

We are on the rifle range
again firing our rifles. We will
fire all of next week.

I seem to have run out of
conversation, so I'll leave what little
I have left for next time. I'm
expecting a letter from you very
soon. When you write to Harry
tell him "Hello".

The water on my brain
is starting to boil so I better
quit now.

'Bye now

Peto.