

Fort Bragg, N.C.
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Jo. you have no doubt received my other letter, so you'll know I'm out of the hospital, and of our latest maneuver. So I won't go into that. Incidentally I did not have adhesions. It was acute indigestion.

There is a lot of activity and commotion now. All leaves and furloughs have been cancelled. We are on an alert. I'm afraid that we won't be here long enough for all of us to get our furloughs. I'm not losing hope though, until we actually move I will say that it is only a ^{another} dry run.

This alert is for the benefit of us, so we can get all of our equipment and clothing salvaged. It has to be in tip top shape. Everything has to be new.

Aside from that everything is the same. The Regiment was

reorganized. Now we are short nearly 80 men. All of the older men, and men who were no good were all transferred. It left just a few of us back.

Did you receive a payment on the allotment this month? Let me know if you get any money. I'd like to know.

The heat has let up somewhat. The last week it has been rather nice. We have had some rain.

I'm glad to hear Harry is somewhere near the coast. At least you hear from him often. Say "hello" to him in your next letter.

Auntie tells me Carrie is going to visit them awhile, if the folks go to Fannie's wedding.

I really ought to be getting another answer from you soon.

The gas shortage has really become critical. We only get milk every other day now to save gas. You folks out there probably don't notice it, but it is a real problem here.

The war is looking ever darker for the Allies. Unless everybody snaps out of it, they are going find themselves on the tail end of this mess.

Movies are our only form of entertainment because we all hope to get furloughs, so we hate to go out on week-ends and spend our furlough money. There are many of us who live quite a ways from home, so it takes quite a little sum to get us home and back.

Therefore instead of going somewhere on week-ends we just take in a movie and let it go at that.

I think this is about all for now. I ~~can't~~^{don't} seem to have anymore to write, so I'll let it go until next time, when I might have more to write about.

Answer a little often.

Your brother
Pete.