

Mrs. Mm.

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Dear Folks:-

See, it was swell to
talk to you yesterday even
if it was only for a few
minutes. It did me a
lot of good! They keep
me so busy here that we
don't have too much time to
think but I'm thinking
of you guys + Ruthie
nearly all the time. It's like
you say, money, that if ~~we~~
10,000,000 other guys +
their families can stand it,
I guess I can.

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See I'm saving my bones
packages. & open bones even-
ing so it'll seem just a
little bit like bones. I
can't & get as big a kick
out of watching you guys you
guys as I did in opening
my own & I'm really gonna
miss that! I'm missing
a lot of things but I'll be
with a lot of guys who
are griping + complaining with
me.

In a way, I'd like to be
invited out to bones dinner
at some house but, in
another way, I'm afraid
it'd hurt too much.

I'm really feeling a lot
better than I did a week ago,
tho; even tho. this letter
might not show it.

I've met a lot of my
Judo Buddies here but
the ones who are still here
are tomorrow, not going to
Kearns, & will be gone by
the time I get back from
Kearns. I'll sure be glad
when Jim arrives & a per-

manent outfit as I can
make some buddies & stay
with 'em!

Before I forget it, I

had to send my footlocker
 home, as I explained in my
 first letter. You'll also find
 3 khaki shirts, a pair of
 " pants, some games,
 etc. I wasn't permitted to
 keep the shirts or pants be-
 cause they weren't M.I. but
 as soon as I am in my
 outfit I'll send for 'em. I
 imagine I'll be issued a reg-
 ular foot locker then & so
 probably won't need the one
 I now have - you have
 It would cost you \$3.74
 & send it anyway so you
 may as well keep it tied to
 your hip with stuff in, like books.

survivors, etc. + I'll
buy a new one for \$7 or \$8
if I find a used one.
I really miss it, tho; + I'd
like to use it here but am not
allowed to have it here on
this post. I wasn't allowed
to have either of the hats
either.

This camp would be ideal
for a permanent party
more or less a married
man waiting for shipment.
Both can have overnight
passes every night + the P.P.
men get 3 day passes every
30 days + a \$15 & 20 day

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pearl long way 4 to 6 m.
The camp is in the old
city, having: several theatres,
chapel, service club post
office, P. X's, & parking alleys,
etc. but for a guy like
myself, awaiting shipment
& assignment, it's hell being
pinned around, doing all
sorts of dirty & hard details.
If a private or Pk. is here
waiting for shipment he
usually gets a soft job in
the mail room, laundry room,
supply, etc., but a back Sgt.
or up has a hell of a time
'cause they're jealous or hell

of us + really pour it on.
It gives us a tech private or Pk. who has
been in 2 or 3 mo. drill
us, march us & detail, have
charge of our barracks, etc.

There are several hundred
2nd Lt. Pilots here waiting
for assignment + ship-out,
too. And also several many
gunners from our base
who are awaiting an assign-
ment + so forth.

I heard one of the latter,
a tech Sgt., tell a 2nd
Lt. - 90 day wonder - of an
ordnance horse - & kiss his

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a — because the Lt. told
him he had to clean 4
latrines in 2 hours, alone.
The Sgt. told him to see
him in hell before he'd clean
one latrine in 20 years, I
don't blame him a bit, either,
cause the Sgt. is just back
from combat up the So. Pacific.

The food here is swell &
there's plenty of it. Quite
a bit of milk, too.

I'm shipping to Kame
at noon today & will
be gone for about 3 weeks,
then come back here
& go to school 7 days a

week for a couple weeks
waiting for shipment, &
then - had telling: Texas,
California, Idaho, Scott Field,
for any number of places.

Any thing you send me
for Xmas will be fine for
as I said before, my trip
& stay home was my
Xmas right there.

I hope you are pleased
with your Bond, Mom &
Dad. I wanted to buy you
something more tangible but
it was just impossible.

And here is your Xmas
present, Dale, I'm sorry I

was made to buy you
something with it but
maybe if you buy a record
player, you can use it to
buy some records for it.

Till next time, Pat,
— think of me, have
a merry, sunny Xmas,
may the New Year bring you
much happiness & prosperity,
+ — God Bless You All +
— Thanks for everything!!

All my sincere
most devoted
& devoted
love
Linda