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Dearest Mom —

GOT YOUR PACKAGE BUT HAVEN'T OPENED IT YET. IT'S AT THE USO. AM TRYING TO AVOID PAYING TAXI-FARE SO AM CARRYING THINGS LITTLE AT A TIME. WILL BRING IT HOME TOMORROW.

WILL COPY THE LETTER TO MRS. KREUCH RIGHT AWAY. CHEE, THAT WAS REALLY SWEET OF HER TO DO IT. REMEMBER THAT OTHER SWEATER (THE TAN ONE) YOU SENT DOWN THAT SHE MADE FOR YOU? EVERYBODY CERTAINLY HAS PRAISED IT.

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HAVE STILL BEEN THINKING HARD ON WHAT I SHOULD DO. I THINK I'VE COME TO A GOOD DECISION. AFTER I CATCH UP ON CORRESPONDENCE AND REST I WANT TO GET DOMESTIC WORK (WITH SOME NICE FAMILY) RIGHT HERE IN HATTIESBURG.

I PROBABLY WON'T GET MORE THAN \$20 OR \$25 A MONTH. (MOST PLACES DON'T EVEN GIVE THAT MUCH), BUT AT LEAST, I'LL HAVE A PLACE TO STAY, MEALS, AND CAN GET TO MY WRITING EASILY.

I ABSOLUTELY FEEL, I MUST STAY IN
HATTIESBURG... NOT BECAUSE I FEEL OB-
LIGATED TO THE BOYS. OF COURSE NOT!
BUT BECAUSE I "WANT" TO STAY HERE... FOR THEM.
THERE'S A LOT TO DO IN LITTLE THINGS.
BOYS OFTIMES WRITE AND SAY THEY FOR-
GOT TO PICK UP PICTURES HERE; A LOCKET
THERE; OR LEFT SOMETHING ELSEWHERE.
LETTERS TO WIVES OFTEN COME BACK;
ALLOTMENT CHECKS COME HERE TOO.
THESE THINGS HAVE TO BE FORWARDED.
EVEN OVER-SEAS PACKAGES HAVE COME
BACK SAYING, "RECIPIENT ^{TO BE} MISSING" OR
"ON WAY BACK TO STATES."

AND ALMOST DAILY, SOME HOSPITALIZED
RETURNEE ASKS TO BE SENT 442nd
PATCHES OR PINS.

FELLOWS ALSO ASK THAT FLOWERS
BE SENT TO SWEET-HEARTS + WIVES.

JAPANESE FOOD, TOO, IS ALWAYS
REQUESTED. QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO
PRISONER-OF-WAR, USAFI, QM SERVICE
FOR ^{TRANSPORTATION} ~~MOVING~~; PULMAN RESERVATION, ETC.
ARE ASKED (THRU MAIL) FROM TIME
TO TIME. THOUGH I DON'T KNOW THE
ANSWERS TO A LOT OF QUESTIONS, I CAN
GET TO RELIABLE SOURCES IMMEDIATELY.

AM STUDYING UP ON A BOOKLET, "HAND-
BOOK FOR ARMY WIVES AND MOTHERS."
IT'S GOT "EVERYTHING" IN THERE FROM
'WOMEN IN SERVICE' TO MEDICAL BENEFITS,
CLAIMS FOR DISABILITY, PENSIONS TO DE-
PENDENTS, LEGAL AID TO SOLDIERS - AND
REGULATIONS FOR PACKAGES TO PRISONERS
OF WAR.

SOME DAY THIS KNOWLEDGE TO DEF-
INITE INFORMATION MAY COME IN HANDY
TO THOSE WHO MAY WANT TO KNOW....
OR NEED TO KNOW.

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THAT'S WHY I DEFINITELY DON'T
WANT TO GO UP NORTH OR ANYWHERE
THAT I MIGHT KNOW SOMEONE. I
DON'T WANT TO MIX SOCIAL-LIFE WITH
SERVICE-WORK. IT JUST DOESN'T WORK
OUT.

AS I'VE SAID OVER AND OVER,
TIME TO HELP OTHERS IS SHORT FOR
ME. WHEN BILL COMES BACK, IT'LL
BE IPAN'. I'LL BE REALLY STARTING
A NEW LIFE.

THE ONLY THING I DON'T LIKE
ABOUT ALL MY PLANS IS - THAT
IT SEEMS AS IF I'M NOT THINKING

P.S. Two more water: just finished writing the one to Ess Mother. Finally wrote the one to Ess Mother. Those two that was tedious work -- BUT FUN! When!! Bootcamp letters. P.S. Two more water: just finished writing the one to Ess Mother. Finally wrote the one to Ess Mother. Those two that was tedious work -- BUT FUN! When!! Bootcamp letters.

OF YOUR WELFARE AT ALL.

ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND STAYING IN CAMP? ~~IF~~ IF YOU REALLY WANT TO COME OUT, PLEASE SAY SO. I COULD ALWAYS CHANGE MY PLANS.

I REALLY DON'T KNOW NOW WHEN BIN WILL COME HOME.

I'M SURE ROYWER WILL HAVE TO CLOSE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR... BUT AM ^{also} SURE EVERYTHING WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT FOR ALL OF US. I'M ~~CERTAINLY HOPE~~ SURE IT WILL!!!

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MOM, I MAY START ASKING FOR MONEY IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WILL TRY TO HOLD OUT TIL THEN. WILL GET AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR NEXT WEEK. GOT PETER'S CHECK FOR \$30.00. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO GET A PERMANENT. HAVE MY HAIR BRAIDED AND TIED IN THE BACK RIGHT NOW.

AM GETTING A LOT OF CORRESPONDENCE DONE. SOON AS I'M CAUGHT UP, I WON'T FEEL SO CONSTANTLY NERVOUS. WON'T BE ABLE TO RELAX TIL THEN. HAVE A LOT OF NOTEBOOKS TO WORK ON TOO. BUT IT'S EASY TO GET THINGS DONE WHEN YOU LIVE ALONE. AM USING EVERY MOMENT -- BUT I SURE MISS KEI, BETTY, PERRY, SUE -- AND OF COURSE, YOU. Love, Mary

P.S. APT Wrote and saw, the bought 3 boxes of candy for you, for ocean, + for ~~the~~ Mary's. AND for you to distribute.