

Dec. 29

Dear Mother

I thought of you Christmas day and hope that you had an enjoyable time. I spent a very quiet day here. Christmas eve I had dinner at an officers mess a short ways from town. We had a very small party, sang some songs after-dinner and were regaled by some Italian prisoners. Nothing much but much better than many others have doing.

I have received several packages - one from Liberty, one from the church and a very nice one from a H. Newton at 11 W 10 St. N.Y.C. I'm not sure but believe the <sup>(?)</sup> is the house-keeper at the old ~~apt~~ room I had. Your packages I had already received and because of my change & new assignments I was forced to open them. I don't believe I received #3.

I understand that the last letters I wrote were cut up by the censor. I was told that it was all right to send the address though as it is my official address. But because of the possibility of disclosing the location of an APO number I will have to wait & try another system which will be O.K.



all around.

It takes about 1 month to get your letters addressed to C10. I haven't as yet received any that were addressed to 2677.

Thanks - but I don't want a watch. I have my good one and also another cheap Italian wrist-watch so am well supplied.

My work is going along well - is interesting, and I am really satisfied. I eat extremely well - by far better than in the states and my living conditions are O.K.

I haven't ~~any~~ many young associates but am continually meeting new & very interesting people - both American & French. I go out occasionally with a very attractive young officer in the French Army - she speaks English about the way I speak French so we get along fine. Her thoughts & outlook remind me of Priscilla Redford - you know the type.

Well my best love to you all.  
I'm in good health - good spirits and hope the same for you.

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a couple of days have gone by before I had an opportunity to mail this letter.



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