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Dear Mother:

Received your letter this morning. Pretty fast service I should say. Was indeed interested in the fact that you have as you say 'opened up shop'. This time however it seems a little bit different. I think that my chances of coming home are very small and it would be perfectly ok with me if the Burkes used my room. Don't deny yourself any extra cash in the slim hope that I might need the room.

Things are going along here in their usual snail's pace manner. I don't really think that there is anything very bad with me and it is apparently something that is not unusual after having had hepatitis. I may be temporarily limited in the type of service that I can perform, such as being limited to a desk job or most certainly confined to the U.S. However I am not sure that such a limitation would be advisable as it might interfere with any discharge plans I might be able to scheme up. The Army is hesitant to discharge anybody who might be on the asking end of a law suit after some years have passed. Perhaps my best method would be to get out of here as quick as possible and then try another tack for getting out of the Army. You must know how hesitant the Army is about letting officers out. It is damned annoying and is a continual gripe among the officers. As things stand now I am on a diet, resting, reading, and worrying about the future. Such things get to be routine after a while and the days slip pass.

Saw the movie 'GI Joe' the other day and it reminded me of Italy. Also reminding me of Italy is the terrific heat down here. This weather is much more uncomfortable than in Africa. There the heat was higher no doubt, but the humidity was not so bad. It rains here once every day and has broken some record or other



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already.

I was sorry to hear about Doc Knowlton and it reminds me of your warning that he should take it easy. Such things as warnings are for other people, but of course they don't apply to me. There is no need of a warning for myself at the present time as the bounds of this establishment are quite tight.

I will appreciate the slippers and the reading material and will thank you again when they arrive.

It is apparent that some sort of plan worked out so that you can make a trip to the Cape. I am very glad and you should enjoy yourself. Do what you want, don't worry about me. Take a good look at the blue water and the white sail boats. I would like to take a look for myself but you can do it for me as well as anybody else.

Give my love to the shoe and tell her I might see her in New York when she gets back. I may be able to take a running trip to the big city on some week-end. It would however be on business. This business of getting out of the Army. That is my main objective right now. It may be changed very quickly though if a good job should come along or if I run up against enough brick walls. I guess I should be the son of an ex-president.

Well, lots of love, thank for the letter and have a good time for yourself.

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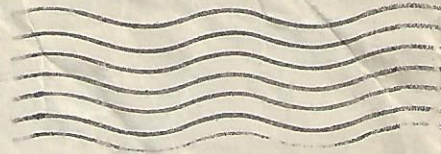


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