



AMERICAN RED CROSS

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Dear Mother;

I know you must be happy and thankful that the war is over. I have been fortunate and we have much to be thankful for. It came as a surprise to me as I had anticipated a long struggle. The news came when I was here in the hospital and was celebrated in a quiet manner with a minimum of excitement.

The thing now is how soon I will get out of the Army. I think I will be out of the hospital the end of this week or the first part of next. I am well rested and barring any unusual strain or circumstance everything will be ok. I hope that I can avoid getting an assignment now and if that is true I should be discharged. It is really too early to tell but we can hope.

Last week-end in anticipation of V day I went to New York. It made no difference that I forgot that Julia would not be there. I would have gone anyway as I didn't want to spend another V day in bed. I spent the nights in her apartment and during Saturday and Sunday I was with Pam. I was hoping against hope that peace would be announced but it was just not in the cards. However I had a good time and was glad that I went.

I have been receiving your letters and it seems that you have been having a good time. Now though I guess it is all over. Just after your vacation the gas rationing goes off. Too bad, but then at least you were able to go.

I received the package with slippers ok and thanx. Will write again soon as I know what will happen to me
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