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No. 45284

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 (CENSOR'S STAMP)

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Lt. W.F. Bachelder

(Sender's name)

Law Enforcement Group, NBS, CIB

(Sender's address)

APO 600, Postmaster, N.Y.

August 1944

(Date)

Dear Mother;

Day before yesterday I received your letter written on July 26 which was really setting a record. That is about as fast as I have ever heard of. There are no doubt many of your letters that are lost in the shuffle somewhere in between. I also received your letter numbered twelve the same day. That is the V-mail letter, the one with the picture has not yet arrived. I guess there is no doubt about the V-mail being the fastest method. Some of the boys use airmail but I don't think it necessarily goes airmail and if it doesn't it goes as slowly as regular mail.

Things are going along here about the same as usual. Life is pretty dull, there not being anything to do except a lot of work. I don't go around very much with other officers as they don't work anywhere near me and everybody seems to have a different schedule of time-off. A new officers club has just opened up which is run directly by the Army. It is in a very nice spot but like everything else it is always crowded, mainly with transient officers. Its a nice place to drop into every now and then but not for any length of time.

I mentioned an apartment in a previous letter. Well it seems that the person from I was going to rent it was sent to Algiers but he stayed there only two days and then was sent back. Unfortunately I hadn't moved in and circumstances were such that I couldn't do anything but give up the idea. I am looking for one but they are hard to get and so far I haven't had any luck. I may move into a room in the apartment of a French family. It has some disadvantages but also some advantages. I will learn more French (which I must say is falling a little behind) and perhaps have a little more 'home' life. This one I know of has a piano and perhaps I can sharpen up a bit. However the room is sort of dingy and there is only a cold water bath. My hotel has a cold water shower which is somewhat of a luxury in these parts.

For the last two days the weather has been very disagreeable. It has gotten extremely muggy and damp. I understand that this is the worst month of the year for heat. It will probably rain twice this month and then increase until January when it rains everyday.

I would like to go swimming this afternoon but can't seem to get a Jeep so I think I will go to a movie. 'White Savage' or something. Anyways it will be a change.

Well, Mother, I hope everything is going along ok and my thoughts are with you. Love to bird and yourself.

Ted

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