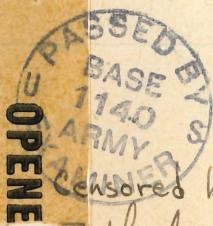


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Hujafolks,-

Here's the letter I was going to try to sneak in yesterday, making one before Sunday! - But, nope, - it's Sunday today and I'm just getting it started.

Have a day of rest for a change, today. - Was going out "visiting" but due to several factors - here we are, still here with a legitimate day off! Such a day as this is very rare and I'm sorta sorry it's so muddy out - 'cause other wise - I'd go for a walk. Course - on the other hand, if it weren't muddy & stuff, I would have had the day off, - so it gets back around to the old fact that I'm glad to be off-walk or no-walk! *so there!*

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Just got thru shaving before I started this. - Can't quite make up my mind whether I should grow a mustache or not. - Said I was going to start one when I reached our "old" quota - and not shave it off until my orders came thru to go home - but now I won't do it. - Have had a couple of good ones since leaving the States but each time I get tired of the pains of keeping it trimmed - so have shaved it off! - Shouldn't you like to see me with a real shomuff one?

I think maybe next week I will be "rest camp" bound! - It's only a guess, but I think it a pretty good one! - If it materializes, it will only be for one week, tho. Won't be the same place I was in before - but think the same Red Cross people & etc. are connected with it. - Al Brenner is there now and he is supposed to come back

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with all the details for me. It will be lots of fun tho and I'm going to enjoy it. - Of course, I wouldn't have gotten to go had they kept on sending people home like they were. (I'm talking just like I'm going!) The number of missions, I don't have to sweat out so much because of the number I have. - It's mostly the "time" element, so any trips I can get to go on - you can just bet I'll be Johnny on the spot! Missed out on one today, tho, - almost got to go to Cairo!

Wrote you a V-mail last night telling you of the movie I saw. - At our outdoor movie house, of course. - It was Olivia de Havilland in "Government Girl". It was really good and the scenes of D.C. made me pine a bit harder! - Also saw the "Miracle of Morgan's Creek" that sister had written me about. That, too, likewise, was good! - It's all very unusual, our getting such

4! new pictures, - but don't think I'm going around asking questions about "why".

Have you gotten my other pictures or negatives I sent home? - Have some more so guess I might as well send them on ~~too~~. - I'll go thru 'em + have a look - tho.

Seems to be getting sunny outside, so pardon me awhile. - I'll go look - maybe I'll have me a walk yet!

So far now - be good, write, + keep 'em crossed! -

Lots of love,
Frank

P.S. - Got Gladys' + Sister's V-mails of the 11th, 13th + 15th. - Glad to get them. - also a "card" from Sister. - Sorry to hear of Mrs. Clarence's death.