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Dear Folks:-

I'm using a new typewriter tonight, and its a little strange, so forgive me if I don't type up to my usual excellent standard. To-day I fully expected to receive some word from someone, I just sort of felt that my luck was about to change, but when I came in, as usual, there was absolutely none. I haven't heard from Bauer since I hit this place, except for the interesting letter which you so thoughtfully enclosed in your last letter. Also, you mentioned two other packages, neither of which have I received.

I went into Manchester yesterday and saw a fairly decent Limey show with James Mason. I don't know if you have ever heard of him, but he's similar to Orson Welles in the parts and characters which he portrays, and he's really very good. I've seen him in several shows, and they've all been good. However, I still appreciate the efforts of the United States. One thing that I do miss is the chance to see a good stage show. I'm going to try to catch up on some of the shows which I have seen written up in life.

Outside of the above, I've done nothing whatsoever but lay in the sack, and go over to the Red Cross and eat a few snacks. I wish that I could get hold of some good books, as I've read just about everything obtainable on the base. I haven't yet sunk to the stage where I read westerns, but I think that soon I shall be a devout member of the clan. I would appreciate it, if you would send me a package containing some of the Mercury and Dell and Pocket Book whodunits, and also any old sears catalogues which you might have laying around. Incidentally, in the future, dont ever put soap and soloni in the same package, as the meat seems to absorb the dainty odor.

All the fellows with 55 points are now sweating out a boat which is supposed to pull into Southhampton this week. The way that it looks now, I'll be lucky to get out of this rat race by next year. Also, some jerk said in the Stars and Stripes the other day that there are very few men left in the theatre who had ever heard a shot fired in the war. Well, about half the men now on the base (750 men) are ex-combat men who were very browned off at the statement.

Again, I'm at a loss for anything to say, so I'll quit and wish you

all

Love-

Bruce