

2/13/53
Karen

Hello Mom, Dad, Gail, Schman,

I hope this finds you all O.K. I am fine even though today was Friday the "13th". I thought about not getting up this morning, but the Sgt. changed my mind. I have been hauling timber for front line bunkers today. I came in at 4:30 so I could hear a hillybilly program. M.

Well Mom I made Corporal this month. Five of us in our tent made it. We were going to have a party tonight, but couldn't get any beer. This means \$27.00 more a month. We are all sewing our stripes on tonight. Tomorrow we have a inspection by our Bn. Executive Officer. He is a croaky old devil too.

About the flu. If you have it very bad here, you get a slip from the medics and you can stay in bed. I'm glad that guys are going in the army back there, maybe some of the replacements will get over here before long. I thought about leaving home a year ago the 4th. It don't seem that long though.

This is short, but am sending some pictures later so bye, bye and write as you can. Love,
Shayne

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Sunday afternoon
Hello Mom, Dad, Earl,

Well tomorrow is the big day. We leave \$1000 for ~~Kahuku~~ Kahuku and bivouac. I will be glad when it is over. I have my pack rolled up and ready to go. After awhile I think I will make some picture of me in the pack.

Well Friday night we were given our O. D. B. I am having my pants and shirt tailored. We also sent in our reservations for plane tickets. We are having a meeting the 16th of this month. The agent is bringing the tickets here for us. ~~But~~ I am trying to get routed to B. H. airport. It is costing more than we thought. The money has to be here by the 16th, so when you get

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this letter if you haven't time
to send it by postal money order,
you wire it to me. If you have
to wire it send in care of R.C.H.
Achopfield. I will have to have
\$550. from you. If there is any
left I will give it to you when I
get home. I have \$100. of my \$130. left.

Yes, I have winter clothes. Those
are the ones I am having tailored. I
will find out in time about where
I will land. Let you know. Nash-
ville would be a good place if I
can't get to B.C. We hope to leave the
26, 27, 28 of this month.

Boy, I am looking forward to coming
home and going to Beach Bend again. Ho!

Gail I think I know what
your ~~surprise~~ surprise is, but
maybe I don't, so will wait till I see you.

Well Mother I won't get to
write any more till next Saturday
so good bye for now and you
keep writing so I will have some
letters when I get back from bivouac.

Love,
Wayne

~~Remember~~

Remember ~~to~~ if you have
to write it to send it =

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