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Dear folks:

I hope you haven't worried too much because you haven't received any mail from me. I think it's been about 2 weeks since I've written. We've really been keeping pretty busy. We've got a platoon of men to look out for and it seems that I never have much time to myself. When I'm not busy we generally get a big stack of mail to censor.

I'm a combat soldier now folks. I suppose you've been reading about the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division in the paper "the cat".

few weeks. We've really done some pretty good work so far and I hope we can continue to do as well. I'm feeling better than ever so far, I guess this outdoor life agrees with me. I'm starting to get a sun tan since the weather has warmed up.

We are in a rest area now so whenever I do have a chance to write you'll know that I'm writing from a rest center. It is really nice around here, and we are living in a hotel and I really ~~do~~ enjoy sleeping nights

in a bed, just like a foxhole. A foxhole isn't as bad as you probably think, we generally fill the bottom with O straw which makes it pretty comfortable.

I received your letter written the day after you returned home from Yuma. I'm sorry to hear about all the Russell boys being killed or wounded but I'm glad you write and tell me anyway. I guess so many were meant to be killed in this war, there's nothing either you or I can do but trust in God and pray that he will look after us.

I still haven't gotten the

package containing the rest, I  
should surely get it soon, now  
that I'm permanently stationed.

I wrote Pie and D.A. about  
a month ago so they should receive  
my letter pretty soon.

This letter will have to do  
for the entire family. If I have  
time to night I'll write a few  
more.

I hope this finds everyone  
well at home. Let me know  
the latest news, you might  
give the papers my new address,  
tell them this is the last time  
they'll have to change it.

Goodbye for now  
Love "Bob"