

Philippines-8-26-45

Dear Folks:

Haven't been doing so well on my writing and I know this isn't any reason for it, except that I have been very busy believe it or not, as you know there is still plenty of work over here to be done now that the war is over (even though I still can't believe it) and to be one of the lucky boys who will probably get to stay over here in this God forsaken country as an AMG. (called Military Son) however I am only guessing as I really don't know whether I will have to go to Japan or not. I can truthfully tell you that I don't want any part of it, all I want is to get back home and stay there, as for what I plan to do when I do get home I cannot say as I really haven't given it too much thought. I keep thinking that someday I would like to get into the oil business as I think I would really enjoy working in this type of work.

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If you see Don Russell let him know that I would like to go to work for him - that is if he is still around. I really don't know him personally but I know he knows Larry & Bob very well, if I don't go into the oil business I can't think of just what I would like to do, if they don't start sending these boys home who have 40 mos. on this side pretty soon I won't need to worry about what I plan to do for quite sometime, all the boys are plenty disgusted the way the big shots are parading around over here and back home too, and we cannot be blamed if we feel as though we are getting a raw deal, it looks as though they are only worried about the boys in the ~~Europe~~ European theatre, as I am reading the home paper and I see boys coming home for a 45 day rest after 4 mos. in Europe, probably spent all of it in some large city, I guess I should kick myself for feeling this way.

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but I am speaking for every boy
on this side, it is really hard to explain
but actually it is a crime, one of the
boys in my tent got a letter from his
mother and she said, "Why don't you
want to come home, don't you love
your family any more" and two days
later the poor buddie of mine blew
his top, he ~~was~~ ~~and~~ only has 41 mos.
over here, and there are a lot more
over here who I would say will
blow their tops if someone doesn't
do something and start them on their
way home, please don't worry about
me as I am not the type to blow
my top and I don't have any reason
too as I only have 18 mos. over here
but I know that I cannot expect to go
home until the boys with more time
go first, and we all agree on one
thing it is up to all of the parents and
friends of us to do something back there to
demand that we get home and soon
before we all wind up in a cycle and
every man in my tent is writing a letter

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tonight with the same thought
and feeling that I am, as we want
all of you to do what you can to
get something started back there so these
big shots over here will realize that
the war is over and stop bucking,
for that other bar or star, I hope
the censor reads this as he
will probably tear it up and let
me hear about it but you probably
know from reading this letter that
I just don't care any more about
anything except going home to the
family and my friends that mean
every thing in this world to me.

Please don't hold it against me
for expressing my most truthful feelings
in this letter, and I do hope you
will understand the situation over
here a little better.

Sincerely
Loy