

Phillippines -

9-20-45

Cebu, Cebu

Dear Bob & Mom:

Haven't heard from you for a few days, but I know as I told you in my last letter that the mail is very slow due to the invasion and occupation of Japan.

They still haven't sent any of our boys home since my last letter and there are no rumors about any of them going very soon, I do hope that they get something started in the very near future, as it just means the sooner I can expect to go home, so you can understand my sincere interest in these older men and men with more time overseas and points than myself, compared to the rest of the boys here in this Detachment I am the rookie, believe it or not so it puts me on the bottom of the list.

I do hope that Bob is  
very soon able to go home so  
he can get back some of that  
weight that he has lost,  
I would like to give him  
a little of mine. I weight  
196# last week and am  
afraid I will see 200 before  
too long I guess it is a  
change in my life I am now  
21 and I may not be a  
little boy as I used to be  
I am 5'6"2" tall and you  
can imagine why I weigh  
what I do, I don't  
know what I weight when I  
spent that long - long furlough  
at home in Nov. 22-43  
but I think it was 178#  
so you can guess what I look  
like now anyway - and as dark  
as a New Guinea native from  
taking Atabrine, a deep yellow  
in color but of course I will  
lose that color on the way  
home I hope.

Haven't heard any more about  
Larry & Gloria and I do hope he  
doesn't have to come over here and  
sweat out any time as it is senseless anyway

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Speaking for myself and the rest of the boys here some of our congressmen and beloved senators had better get on the ball or when and if we ever do get home notes will be a thing of the past and I think you will agree with me.

This is an example of how they do things - we had a party of 12 congressmen arrive here in Cuba last week and they were to go around to various outfits and talk to the G.I. and get first hand information and our opinions on demobilization and just what we thought of the present setup - well as usual the General had a big part and a bull session with all of them and then they went home and not one G.I. was ever asked just what he thought because the congressmen were afraid to hear the truth, so if you read in the papers at home how they got a G.I. opinion or some big deal for demobilization or to tell you a lot of lies to get

Your notes you can just  
get yourself a big laugh the  
same as we do over here!

I don't like to complain  
but it looks pretty bad when  
they don't seem to give a damn  
about us now that the  
war is over. As I say I  
should not complain as I am  
single and only 21 and my  
little time over here but I  
really feel sorry for some of  
these boys with 40 mo.  
over here and married with  
a family and a baby boy or  
girl that they haven't seen  
for almost 4 years.

Well I guess I had  
better close for now I  
hope that I haven't bored  
you too much but I just  
can't help saying something  
because it is the way I  
feel -

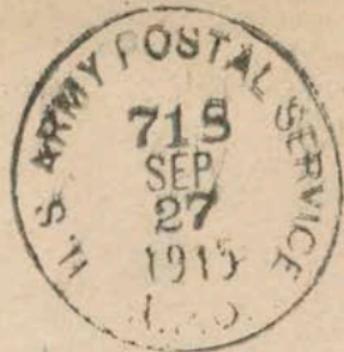
Please don't worry about me  
as I am feeling just fine and  
getting along ok.

Love  
Tommy

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