

Philippines
August-15-45

Dear Bob + Mom:

Here I am finally writing to you after I promised so far faithfully that I would write more often and I find myself way behind, so I again will say I have good intentions and I am thinking of ~~all~~ of you all the time even though I don't write as often as I should so please try to understand, and I know you do.

I suppose by the time this reaches you the war will be over, at least I hope so, and if it is I expect to be home in about 8 mo., we have heard all sorts of rumors and some official reports on the war being over and for some reason it wasn't as I expected it to be, all the boys, including myself just can't believe that it is over and as for a celebration I think most of us just prayed and maybe shed a tear or two to show our respects to those who have given their all.

-Clay-2-

It is really going to be tough for me to stay here, that is if the war is over, knowing that the day is coming that I can start on my way home, so don't get your hopes too high and I will try my best to do the same, you see there are so many boys over here that have more time overseas and everything else agh, some have families and all and I myself think that anyone with a family should go home before me. Even though going home means everything I ever hope to have and I know you feel the same as I do.

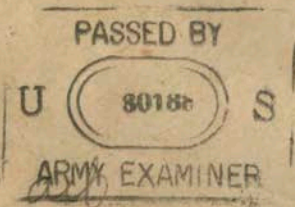
Well Bob I hope this finds you up on your feet and about ready to walk out of that hospital and go home when it you belong. and I will do my best to be there as soon as possible, so until that time do your best. and get back on your feet again.
So Long for Now
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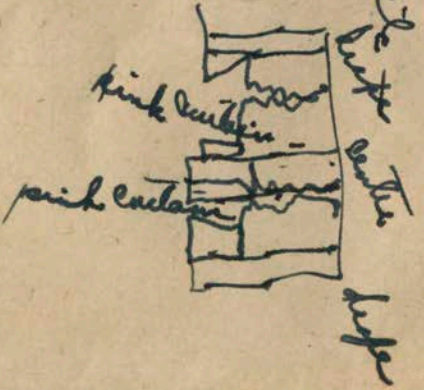
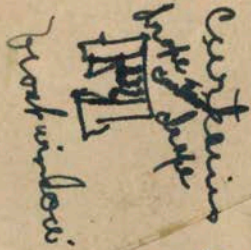
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Norman frame - there are
two 36 length stamps that
expire 1st of Sept - will I
think if you will take them
Monday if you can bring
for Brown's powder length
we are + rec about them -
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