



The ALBERT PIKE

HOTEL

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

WALTER E. DAVIS, MANAGER

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Dear Bob,

I was sure glad to hear from you. I had wondered so many times where you were but could find no one that knew where you were.

Have heard from Pierannunzi a few times, ran into Dixon at the Univ of Kansas as he is back there to school, Heard from Penny and saw Geo. Orell in Fort Collins, Colo where he is at school, Geo Dorrington at Laramie, Wyo and that is about all.

Am sure glad you are progressing. Bob, I dont have the figures with me on what was left of the Co. on the 16th. of April but can tell you that we were pretty well shot up. We had about 80 men left as near as I can remember the figures some of the casualties were not too bad however. L Co. only had about 50 men left so they were in worse shape than we were K Co. was in better shape than any of us but you know the story there.

Perry, Sabu and myself were the only originals ~~one~~ left. Kvam got his with a mine about 15 feet from me and Mitch got his with a mine about 25 feet on the other side of me. Bugs came all the way through with it but you no doubt heard that he went to Florence on leave and got into a little trouble and met with an accident and got killed there after the war was over with.

As you can see I am not in the east but am traveling around the country for the Corning Glass Works. We are short of men so I am having to cover Kan, Neb, Colo, La. Tex, Okla, Miss, Ala, Ga, Fla so you see I get around a bit. Not too bad for a single man and I expect to stay that way for at least a little bit longer. It means that I am on the go a lot but

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doubt if I could settle down to in this way I get to make a lot of good contacts.

Bob when we were on Della Spe I tried to put in promotions for you and Bugs but they told me at that time you were not assigned to the Co. and only attached and were excess so the promotions couldn't go in. However I see no reason that if I make a statement that they were put in and canceled because of your being wounded and dropped from our outfit why you cant get a promotion I will enclose the necessary statement. I do not know however where the Colonel is as I left him last Nov. I was in three different camps before I got out in Feb so on that score I cant help you out. However you might be able to get by with just my statement.

If there is anything else I can do get in touch with me immediately and I will do my best. Hope to hear from you and am sorry that Michigan is not a part of my Territory at the present but if you ever get transferred out of there any place else near home let me know as I would sure like to see you. Drop me a line if it is not more than a card.

sincerely
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