

PHILLIPINES
Cebu, Cebu

Dear Dad:

Don't have a lot to say
except that I am feeling
just fine, and getting along ok.
hoping this finds you all
well and happy -

I still haven't heard
any news ways of getting
home and they are not
sending these old men home
very fast either, and I
sincerely believe I can tell
you the score about
when I am expecting to
come home. I suppose
that mom expects to see
me on my way in the
next few months as they
are doing a lot of talking
on getting all of the
boys back, and truthfully
I don't believe any of it
as I am over here and
I can tell you truthfully
they are a very damn few
that are getting home.

I would like to come home even if I could only stay a week and then return as I think I could help Bob a lot, by just letting him see that I am OK and I know he would rest a lot easier if he only knew. They tell me over here that if you have less than 45 pts as of May-12-45 you can go home on "T.D." "Temporary Duty" or really a furlough you know the same thing as Bob Parker had. Well I was seriously thinking about taking a crack at it, but no soap they almost laughed in my face when I asked about it, so it looks as though I will be stuck for at least a full year more and a good chance of being here longer than that. Really I am undecided as to what to do - the only thing that I can see to do is to wait

for about 3 more months
and see what happens, by
that time they should have
something started - As I am
single and only 21 I am a
wonderful prospect for
H.M.G. (The military Government")
or occupation of Japan - I
am telling you how I think
I stand so someone at
home will know the truth
I wouldn't want mom to
know any of this nor Bob
as they would only worry
too much and there really
isn't anything anyone can
do except wait, not that
you don't worry about
me Dad - but I know
I can explain it to you
as you know the Army -
as well as I do, and also
you know that everything they
do takes just so much
time.

I feel a lot better
knowing that someone at home
will know just how I
stand on going home so

Everyone will not build
up too much hope on my
coming home too soon.

Here is exactly the way
I stand on. pts

8 mo. in the States -	8 pts
18 mo. overseas -	36 pts
2 Campaign stars -	10 pts
Total	<u>54 pts</u>

You know that as of
today the critical score is
80 pts. so you see where I
stand. it will take 13 mo.
overseas time to make me 80 pts.
unless they lower the pt
system and that doesn't
seem possible for at least
6 more mo. as we have
none here now with 90 pts
and a few with more.

As I said I am telling
you this so you will know
just how I stand and how
long before I expect to be
home. Please don't say
anything to mor as it will
reut^l worry her if she thought

for a minute that I still
had to stay over here for
another year -

It is possible that I
may be able to get home
six months from now, and
again as I say it might
be a year but now
you know just where
I stand so you can
make a guess for
yourself on when you
think I will be home.

Well Dad I hope
that you understand all
of this nonsense, as I
do want you to know
just where I stand in
case the rest of the family
start false hopes of
my returning too soon.

So Long for Now

Tom
Denny