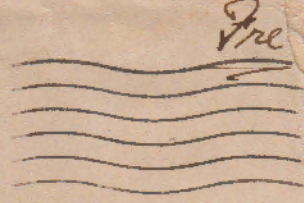


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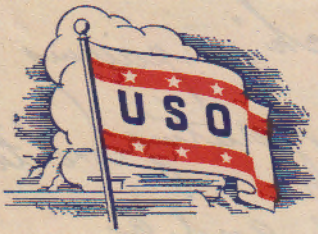
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Aug 12, 1944

Hi Gang,

Well, I'm here. Been here since
Tuesday nite.

This is a nice camp, but not as
nice as Silb. I'm in headquarters
battery, assigned as a radio technician.
All we did Wednesday was lie around.
Thursday morning we went out to the
field and stayed until Saturday morning.
Saturday we got off at noon.

I got a "Class A" pass, which is
good overnite every night & all week-end.
In other words, I can live in town now.

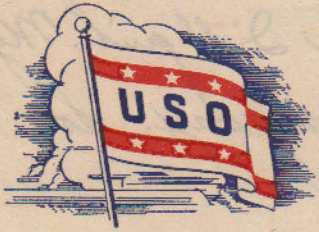
This radio job is O.K. There are 3 of us

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working in the "radio shack"; repairing
radios & keeping them in operating condition
I've fixed 3 radios, a mike, and a
power supply so far. I feel pretty proud
of myself.

I'm expecting a stripe or two any
day now. All radio techs. are supposed
to be non-coms, & only one of the 3
of us is. He's a P.F.C.

I think that if Jean comes down
the best place for her would be Junction
City. Manhattan is a nice town, I think,
but transportation to Manhattan is awful.
I stood on the bus stop for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. last
nite, & only one Manhattan bus passed.
And it didn't stop. So I went out to the
road & stood for an hour or so and
finally got a ride in. Today I went
right out to the road & stood for 15-20
minutes and a big ice truck picked



a whole slew of us up.

If I stop all of a sudden, it's because my pen went dry.

I'm sitting here until 1:00 o'clock, till the swimmin' pool opens. Then I'm going swimming. They have a very nice park and pool here.

The chow at this camp is much better than at Sill. It's good here.

Only one thing I don't like about this place. They gave me another carbine, & whenever we go out to the field or pull guard duty we have to carry it. Oh well.

Well gang, I guess this letter is kind of short, but I can't ~~think~~ think of

any more to say, so I guess I'll quit. My
pen is about to run dry anyway. So
long for now.

Love,

Jim

P.S. I put in a phone call to you a little
while ago. Did you get it yet?