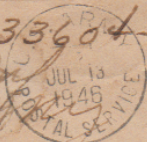


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Sunday P.M.
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Dear "Louge"

So your favorite bass is on vacation is he. Now that he is gone be certain that you don't work too hard like you generally do when the Cat is away.

You mentioned that it had been a long time since you had heard from me. Well here comes one letter right on the heels of another. How is that for speedy service. All the time I thought that you owed me a letter. Finally in desperation I decided to write to you. At the time

that I wrote it I had some time to waste and couldn't think of a worse way to waste it.

I guess I told you in the other letter about leaving for the staging area on or before 21 July.

Today - Sunday wasn't it - yes of course it was well I decided to have a full day of activity so what did I do - here's what. Before I retired last night I called the telephone operator and asked her to call me at seven. She did so promptly at seven I got up answered the phone, thanked the operator for calling me, went back to bed until ten and then got up for breakfast. After that I went down to the lake and played around in the canoe for an hour then came in and lay down for a while resting for dinner. We eat at 2 o'clock on Sunday. After dinner I sat out on the porch and soaked up some sun until four then came in and lay down to rest up for supper at seven. When I woke up it was seven on the nose and raining like fury - went to supper

came up and wrote a few letters, including this and I am all tuckered out from my active day. Think I'll go to bed and rest up for breakfast.

Incidentally - just happened to have a spare picture of one of the most handsome 2d Lt's in the ETO and that you might like it. There is a rumor afoot that this particular fellow looks like Van Johnson.

Until later, I am

Just
Earl

P.S. I started the rumor.