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Dear Folks,

Yesterday I thought of about a half dozen things that I wanted to tell you so I see now that I should have written to you then. I find it hard to even think now at all. The main thing I believe was that my Tribunes have started arriving. I was really glad to get them even though they were dated the 12th and 13th of October. They were still addressed in the old manner but as I remember they wouldn't even have had my new address at that time.

at home you wouldn't even consider reading a month old paper but here its really a different story. When we are lucky we can get the most important news every few days from the army's overseas newspaper, "The Stars and Stripes." If the Tribunes keep coming I shouldn't lose out altogether on either the headline news or news of local happenings.

I hardly know what to think about the slowness with which our mail travels. I

hate to use V mail but I think I'll use it the next letter I write. I haven't received any of them yet and I just wonder how fast they do travel.

There's one phase of being overseas that I haven't said anything about and I wouldn't even mention it now if I weren't in need of talking to someone about it. That is the way that the morals of the fellows drop when they feel they are so far from home that no one knows them. It was bad enough back in the States but some few had their wives with them and what ever other influences there were just held them in check a little. It's just like the bottom had dropped out of everything and things just go wild. I've enough determination to continue to do as I have done in the past but it does take courage. I want you to pray for my strength along this line as well as any other.

I'm pretty tired and since I couldn't possibly fill another page I'll sign off. God bless you all.
Love
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