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Thursday Night
(I don't know the
date)

Hello Folks,

I'll start this while waiting in the barber shop for a haircut and finish it later. I hope. Well we had another big clothing inspection today so that makes us another step toward shipping out. Besides that we went out and drilled a little but as a whole we spent most of the time scrubbing up the barracks and on extra details. I spent about half of the afternoon washing windows up in the kitchen.

Let's see - what did I do yesterday? Oh yes. We went out in the morning and watched a demonstration of tanks and infantry working as a team. Then in the afternoon we ran a problem similar to the one we watched in the morning. I guess they must be getting scared all of a sudden that we'll have to be fighting with tanks before long.

Later

Well I can see that this can't be a very long letter. It's about 9:00 o'clock and I'll have to hurry to get even this page filled. We have to get a short haircut now and that's what I got tonight. But boy did that barber do a poor job. It was so rough on top when he got through that I had to spend about 20 minutes trimming it up with a pair of scissors before a mirror after I got back to the barracks.

I did something last night that I've never done since I've been here. I went to Columbia to spend the evening. There was a circus in town and a couple of the fellows already had their tickets so I went along. It wasn't a whole lot bigger than the circuses they hold in high school gymnasiums but there was a little local talent worked in and it was spread out over a little more area.

It seemed to be sort of a benefit project sponsored by some of the local clubs. There were several dog and pony acts,

I got a haircut just the other day but that didn't make any difference. It has to be short.



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a half dozen or so acrobats that performed
and one act with 4 or 5 half dead lions
in a cage. It cost me 50¢ and was just
the same old stuff but it was a different
form of entertainment for me at least.

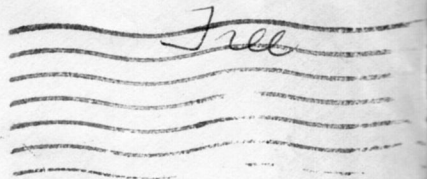
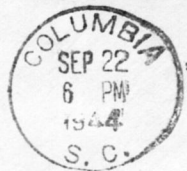
To tell you the truth that was about
the 6th time I have even been in Columbia.
I went through it when I first got here,
when I was going & coming from my furlough,
and we went out & came back through it
on our way to & from the maneuver area
for our 4 day bivouac. I think that's about
the second time I have had a tie on
since I come back here from my furlough.

I got your letter mailed the 18th yesterday.
I guess I'll wait till the next time to
look for questions you wanted answered.
I do remember you asked about whether
or not I will be stopped from receiving mail.
I don't suppose I will, so just keep
writing unless you are told to stop. Hope
everything is well with you. Love Donald.

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