

Thursday Evening
early

Hello Family

I'll begin this letter a little earlier than I usually do of evenings and if I can think of enough maybe it won't be quite such a skimpy letter as the last one was.

Before I forgot it I looked over the letter you wrote last week end which I received yesterday. I am very pleased at the way the football season is progressing. Good luck on this weeks games. It sure made my heart sink when I heard about Wendell. But I am glad that you told me about it. I don't know any appropriate statement I could make on the subject so I just won't make any.

Daddy asked about my

watch and I can sure say that it is filling the bill perfectly. When it was brand new it gained about a minute a day but it seems to have settled down now and is doing almost perfect. I sure get a lot of good and enjoyment from it. I still am thanking you.

I remember Dola Austin who you wrote about.

Our work has been progressing along the very usual lines. I think from what I can gather that we'll be leaving here about the middle of next week.

Yesterday was spent on K P so that takes care of that. I was pretty tired when the day was over.

For some reason or other (I guess it's because we are leaving)

✓ yesterday was declared a holiday in the 87th division. And something which might not be expected, they gave those who were on detail today free.

But our company had to have an inspection yesterday morning so they took yesterday afternoon off and we are supposed to get off tomorrow afternoon. I guess they feel our moral needs some lifting.

So since I was on detail yesterday afternoon they gave me this afternoon to do as I wished. I decided that this would be a good time to go to town and catch the stores open and also miss the big soldier crowds. I got a

chance to get a couple things
that I'd been wanting to get
for a good while and also got
to see a little of the town.
I ^{didn't} leave till the middle
of the afternoon so I got back
just a little while ago.

Oh yes, this morning we
had another clothing inspection.
That made two inspections
in two days for the company.
The rest of the fellows had a
like this afternoon so I felt
lucky not only in getting off
but at getting off at such an
opportune time.

Well I wish I could think
of more to say. maybe before
bed time I'll have more.

8:30 PM.

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Well if I am going to do any more writing I'll have to get at it. I can't do like you folks do and let someone else help me out with my writing so I expect with no new ideas my letters are a whole lot the same. But if you are still willing to receive them I'll continue to do my best.

I certainly am wondering about my chances of getting home. No doubt we'll be near some port for a little while. But if its only for a week or two then I don't have much hopes. Lets continue to hope and pray for the best.

That's about all I know unless I say that I have spent most

of this evening reading. I've only 4 or
5 pages left in the October Digest
now so I'll be looking for some
thing new very soon.

Best wishes to you all.

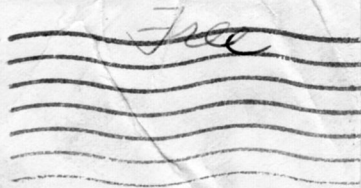
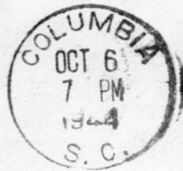
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