

Nov. 14, 1944

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

letters to go back and forth. ^{out} scenery

I might tell you a little about the country here that I got a chance to see. Of course, it'll have to be very general facts. after the boat ride

I saw some of the territory. The scenery certainly was interesting and in some places very beautiful. Since its time for the tree leaves to be taking on their autumn colors the scenes were doubly beautiful.

+ There are enough people on this island that you don't see any wide open spaces like those at home. When riding along it seems as if you were passing through one small village after another with only a very few small fields between. Everything is done on a small scale and I guess that's why you can see so much in a very small space. The whole countryside is built of small irregularly shaped fields, a few very small patches of trees and small groups of houses crammed together. You

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can see that things haven't grown up according to a pattern but have just been built up as the population grew. A look at things in general reminds you a crazy quilt with hedge or stone fences separating the pieces.

Because of the lack of trees, you see no frame building. Everything is built of either brick or stone. Things are picturesque to say the least but I can't say that I would enjoy living permanently under these circumstances.

You have read about the English weather and it really is damp but so far I haven't seen any of the extremes that you often hear about. +

We are living in a very interesting place that I'll tell you about one of these times when I need a little chatter to fill up space. I'll also have to find out just how much I can tell.

I sure wonder how things are coming at home. Of course, one of the

questions in my mind is the outcome of the last few of the football games. I guess Dad's Indianapolis trip should be coming off about now too. I forget whether it was supposed to be last week or this one.

I hope you are all well. I can truthfully say that if you are all as well as I am there would be nothing to worry about. I have felt no ill effects at all from my change. Don't you dare worry about me because it wouldn't

do any good and definitely isn't necessary. I have a descent place to sleep, am not working too hard and get plenty to eat. By the way our food is very interesting. You can see that all of it comes from the United States. All of it is processed - canned or dehydrated but it is very good, especially when you're hungry.

God bless you all. Write when you can.

Lots of love,
Donald.

well I got this finished sooner than I really expected to.

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