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BARKSDALE FIELD, LOUISIANA

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Dear Anne

just a letter from your little old brother to let you know that I'm still struggling along.

Had a pretty good time at Poughkeepsie. ~~It~~ got me a date with a very good dancer and so we painted Po'keepsie and Newburgh a slight pinkish hue. Didn't have any luck on getting the gas or tires to bring his car back so we came back on the train. Picked up our other two members of our gang on the way down and even had time to take in a night club in St. Louis.

My leave was a much bigger success all around this ~~year~~ time, Anne. I had more time at home, where I should have stayed the last time, and I had more fun with Pat this time than I had with Ikey the last. I would liked to have had a couple more days to spend with you and Margaret but you understand how it is and so that's the way it goes.

about that other hundred dollars, Anne. I'll



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be needing it in a week or so. It probably seems that I'm getting to be quite a spendthrift but I really am watching my finances whether it seems that way or not. I made out a \$100 overseas allotment to you, Anne, which starts this month. This means that I'll never see that \$100 each month; it will go directly to you. When I go overseas, I won't need that money, in all probability, but until I do, I'd rather you just held the money instead of putting it in the bank. Then, in case I should need it, you won't have to bother going to the bank for it. If handling my finances is too much bother for you, let me know. I'd rather have you doing it than Mom because if she were doing it and I should write home for a large amount of money, she would immediately get worried for fear that I was in trouble. My last leave was pretty expensive but I'll be in good shape again by the end of this month.

Tell Hank I said "Hello." You were right about her being a very nice girl. I'm looking forward to seeing those snapshots that were taken while I was

up there. I think you had better send them to me this time. I might not get another leave to come up there and pick them up.

Haven't had any luck on getting assigned yet. a gang of boys were assigned yesterday so our gang should be next. I'm hoping to get shipped out of Shreveport. Something should develop next week but just as long as Dobbs and I stay together, I don't much care where they ship us.

That's all for now. Tell Pat to write me and tell the kids I was asking for them. Thank Paul for taking me to the station and let me hear from you just as soon as you have time to write.

Ed