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Dear Ones -

My mail has yet to come through - I look for it anyday [*sic*] now. I won't send any change of address cards - I'll just inform people as I write. I wish you would, however, check on Readers Digest & TIME for me. In previous letters I have mentioned the Press Herald - the more I think of it the more certain I am that we might just as well cancel it. Another item - just to check: I sent you a bond for the 25th from my previous station. Let me know if & when you receive it, so I can destroy the receipt. It may take some time - I hope it arrives before your 23rd anniversary!!

In a previous letter I mentioned my losing track of time and the day of the week when I reported in here Sunday the 11th. I now find out that Sunday the 11th was also Father's Day. My apologies together with my belated greetings, Daddy! Unfortunately Fathers' Day's lack of publicity and my being in transit are my only excuses. You know that my thoughts are with you at home with Mother & Helen Barby all the time - I hope you bought yourself a good copy of Hoyle & Culbertson as a present so you'll be all set for my return!!

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I me the colonel this morning - otherwise it has been a relatively quiet day. I am quickly getting into the swing of things; the routine is quiet & well regulated - if this were a newly captured outpost the story might be different. I wrote letters to Al Lave & sundry others from whom I am now separated. Tonight I will go to the show. One of these days I will hop over to the library & get some reading material. I still like to hold that Fortune material in reserve.

By this time you have as complete a picture of my life around here as is possible to report. But I don't think I told you that I have a tentmate - a civilian FEA man here on agricultural research, I think. An interesting person, college bred, world war veteran. Incidentally I was happy for my field experience with the 730<sup>th</sup> when the Colonel asked me about my experience. He questioned me about the Division officers and the like as he welcomed me to his command; he appears to be an old time, efficient soldier.

That's it for now.

Love,

Sumner