

31 Oct. 45
Leghorn, Italy
1:00 P.M.

Marling,

Thanks ever so very much for the lovely letter I received from you to-day. It was written on the 19th. Sure hope that you were not delayed any too long now. I guess the Army sure is using a lot of trains cause all the boys with high points are going home. Well you can get some nice rest since you are finished packing and so forth.

Sure am happy to know that you have received the stockings now. Hope that they are okay and the same goes for the other color. The others were sent to Mr. View and I hope you'll get them okay. Sent a little trinket in the same package

for Aileen.

See how it sure sounds
as though our little
girl really is something.
Wonder how she will
be after I get home?
You had better tell her
she will have to change
if she expects to get along
with daddy. Well she
will grow out of that
stage one of these days
hon. I remember when
you used to say that
you wish she was 3
when she used to get
you angry by crying and
so forth. Well you got
your wish hon.

Glad to hear that Chris
is home hon. But Bernice
is plenty happy.

See how you sure make me hungry. Well after I get home I can have what I want to eat and everything I hope.

Yes my sis does write some interesting letters. I hope for her sake that Walt would be able to come home soon. He really is one swell guy.

See how I sure am happy to know that Fred is a papa now. Glad to hear that Yoshi and baby are okay. I know how happy Fred must be cause he always wanted a child. He sure would make one swell father and I hope that he can get a discharge soon. Army is no place for

a man with a family.
during war time it
couldn't be helped but
now there is no need
for a fella like him
and I. Well how you
can send them what
you like cause you
know what is best.

Darling I have a strong
feeling that I'll be home
by Xmas but please
don't depend on it any
to much. I myself want
to be home so bad that
I am hoping and praying
each day and night.
I'm sorry how I get these
hunches but since I
have 70 points I should
be out of this co. in
a few more weeks.
all the fellas above

76 points will be out by
 Nov. 2nd. Gee how it sure
 will break my heart
 if they stop at 71 points
 cause than I won't be
 going home the same
 time as Archie. The St.
 wants me to sign a waiver
 so I can make my rating
 but I don't give a darn
 about stripes, I just
 want to get home and
~~an~~ ^a discharge. Well for
 when I do come home
 I am just going to take
 life easy for a month
 or so and maybe 3. all
 I am going to do is look
 at you and be near you
 how. I would like to take
 you on a honeymoon which
 we never had but it
 will all depend on me

and my financial situation. Well any hoop we will just have to wait until I get home now.

Well to-day is the big day for the inspection. I've got everything cleaned and am ready. I have spent most of the day cleaning my mess kit, rifle, and everything else. This full field inspection on bed is no joke cause one has to take time in preparing for it and it is over in a few minutes. Since it is raining now I hope it keeps on raining rest of the morning so we won't have to go outside for rifle inspection.

~~now~~

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Hope we will get paid
to-day and I guess we
will. Will send you a
little money this month
again hon.

Well hon I am going to
close for now but will
write you soon again.
Please write soon. Take
the best care of yourself
and Aileen. Best regards
to all.

Love you sweetheart.

Always Yours,
Hubby Alvin

Always Faithful
To You
Mrs. Alvin E.
Love
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