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Sunday 8:30 PM Oct 1, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

We just came from town. I think you got the letter I sent you from Jacksonville.

We left camp around 3:00 PM and reached town around 4:15 PM. It's around 37 miles from camp. The town is quite bigger than Salt Lake City but it's very crowded. The first thing we did was to find a room. I think I told you that already. After that, we went to dinner. Boy, did we have a feast. We all had a full course dinner. I had roast turkey for the main course. I was impressed by the fact that every body was so friendly to us. You know, it's nice to have a friendly waitress serve you once in a while, instead of a grouchy mess sergeant glaring at you. Everyone treats us nice but they sure treat the Negroes like dirt. I was enraged that Caucasians here called them "niggers" right in front of them. Well anyway, after dinner we all went to the movies - nice soft seats and air conditioned. After the show, we had a mid-night snack.



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I bought a nice sun tan overseas cap and also a dark olive green overseas cap for winter. They're both bordered with a light blue braiding to show the branch of the infantry.

Sunday morning, we slept late and had breakfast around 11:00 AM. I had waffles, link sausage, apple juice and milk. After that we window shopped around the business district. I saw all those clothes I use to wear once upon a time. We didn't know what to do, so five of us rented a car and saw the sights of the town. After the tour, three of us went to the movies again. We saw Bette Davis in Mrs. Sheffington or was it I Love a Soldier? I forget. Well anyway, we had a light snack after, before we left for camp. I wasn't hungry so I had a big big plate of combination salad. I told the waitress just how I wanted it made. The salad had lettuce on the bottom, then slices of tomatoes, then avacados, then asparagus on the side with green peppers. On top of that it had some kind of water cross with chopped egg. The sauce was something like that



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Russian sauce. We left town around 5:00 PM and came back to camp around 6:30.

Some of my friends told me I received a couple of letters so I'll get your letters tomorrow.

My friend told me Zane Skironitta came to see me. They say he's in the 232ND Battalion. It's also a Japanese group. I was still in town when he came, so I'll probably see him in a few days.

All in all, I had a nice time in town. I spent a little over ten dollars in one day and a half which is quite enough. I was cooped up in camp for such a long time I went on a splurge when I reached town.

I hope you won't forget the money because I don't know when I'm going to get paid. When I get paid I'll get a lump sum though. I still have ten dollars so don't break your neck trying to send the money to me. Well, this amount covers it so I'll write again tomorrow

Jack

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