

Somewhere in France

Dear Mom,

Just a short note to let you know I'm still alive & rec'd your Easter cards. They were a surprise indeed. And the check was a bigger surprise. But cashing it means having it endorsed by the C.O. + a 2 mile walk to a special P.X. We signed the payroll the other day, & expect the eagle tomorrow. So I'll just send \$5 less than the usual amount I send home, and enclose the check. That'll put us more or less square. If you had have the occasion in the future to send me any money - ahem - you'd better send it in cash by ^{registered} ~~regular~~ mail. Then it'll be negotiable as soon as I get it.

By the way, your last air mail letter had only a 6¢ stamp on it. 2¢ postage was due - I put I didn't have to pay it.

This morning I finished off a week's mission with a military Mass in the field house here. So I'm a new man spiritually.

Tomorrow we're scheduled for some village fighting & the firing of the '03 rifle, so that looks like an interesting day. Sometime this week I believe we'll move across the field to start school. But my address will remain unchanged, I understand.

I have not yet written to Dot, but then I suppose you've told her all I wanted to. I also must contact Jim Morris soon.

Mom, you never should have let the cat out of the bag in the letter you wrote at the letter. I just finished writing a letter to Fel in which I gave her a slight naking over the coals for telling you something which I alone was entitled to do. If I didn't tell you, it was for a reason of my own. Damn - I can just see everybody I know talking about a potential wedding. You're a match-maker if I ever saw one.

We've been kept relatively busy the past week doing details & drilling. There were a few times that we went into the field for some lessons. But I guess it's almost over now. We've had our supposedly final med exam & I'm classified A-POB - meaning superior physically & "potential overseas replacement." Shooting & unit training come next. By the way, I bumped into Max Walkoff in the service club here Fri nite. He's been here 7 mos. I also met a boy from Bosnia & a fellow I knew in the new man club at City. I guess that's all for the present. I hope you'll forgive the short note. I'm off to the PX for beer
Love, as ever,
Frank.