

Monday

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Dear Mother & Dad:

The trip home was, as usual, uneventful AND exhausting. Did nothing after we got in except toek, & flop into bed. Today was the big day, wondering where we stand in the office. Case had told me that I was the only one to be retained in interviewing. Seems post personnel must be cut & a lot of gals will have to take to the woods. Well, Kurtz got her orders immediately & will leave for a men's camp in mess. within the next few days. A few other of the gals will be here a few jobs of them to the field. Sherman definitely wants to leave this place, so is only going to be here a few weeks, until they

find a spot for her. (She was
 "bed" with the Dr. & for her
 entire furlough) As far as I
 can see, I see he left here, unless
 there's a drastic change. Worked
 this afternoon & we kids from
 school were dumbier than morans.
 Between not having interviewed
 in almost 3 months, & all
 the changes in this business since
 we left here → well, I could
 hardly print, let alone fill out
 cards properly. It's more than
 when I first began here - there's
 so damn much we have to forget
 & learn the new way! Oh - the
 Army!!

From what I hear - we're
 not allowed off the post
 Christmas Eve night - for our

own protection. So our whole
 section is having a party & we
 love to I guess I'll go to Medford
 Mass here - ~~then~~ unless we can
 get special permission to go to
 town*

What to say about my
 furlough? - it was really
 swell but I saw even less
 of you than last time. I really
 mean it - next time, no
 matter how many friends &
 relatives I alternate, I'm
 visiting no place but home &
 learn. I'm always left feeling
 I've neglected all of you & that
 my furlough had meant nothing
 to you in the way of a visit. It
 looks up to me as bad when
 I consider how much extra it
 costs you in money, time, & trouble.
 This time you had the extra
 burden of Shaw & Salerno & I

hope it wasn't too much for you.
 There's one consolation - you
 don't have to treat either of
 them as company.

Phustmas doesn't feel
 so Phustmassy

Jus - out for a year
 & to doctor a sore
 throat the Doc
 painted it & gave
 me all sorts pills &
 So I've back on
 the beam.