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Dearest Katherine:

Three weeks until Christmas, and am wondering if Santa Claus will bring me some mail. No more word from you except the one letter, which included the letters from Ann. talk about sweating it out.

Understand our mail is being very thoroughly censored right now. Let me know what happens and how much of what I write comes through.. will you please. Tried to wire you my APO... but that's out I find. Also all EMF messages are kaput until after Christmas.

Enclosed is a publicity picture taken by area office. Reason for Sally Ann Howell being in the pix is she was the only other one from Michigan.. used to teach school in Saginaw. The hula gal was not introduced and I did not inquire. You might check with Phil Redeker, and if he does not have picture release yet from ARC national Hdq. in Washington, he might like to use this picture. He would make a cut of it and return the print to you.

You said the kids wanted to send me a barrel of stuff.. would be a little difficult to get a shipping priority, even for morale building equipment. If you have to show a letter at the Post Office to send a package, and you may have to do just that, I would like:

- 2 wood (or wire) coat-hangers.
- 1 Portrait attachment for camera (its in the desk)
- 1 Electric razor.
- 1 light collapsible tripod for ordinary kodak. (cheap one)
- 116 film ..any amount.



Should you send my electric razor and I should go to a forward area, I would either leave it here in storage with some other stuff, or mail it back. In the meantime if you recall how sore the other kind makes my face, and it is plenty sore, in spite of exposure to the wind and weather.

Stan the donut man has been transferred to the post where I am until he can get his program cleared with headquarters.. don't know how long that will be as things sure move slowly around here. Glad to have him round, however. He's a grand guy.

Busy as hell all day... and some of the cases were rough... am working until 6 tonight, as I do every other day.. add 20 min. for lunch... something like Airtemp. Glad to be busy though.. it helps. Went swimming in the ocean again yesterday and took some pix which you will eventually get... that is if they get through.

Much love to you all my darlings.


Henry.

Expect to see Bill Bennett around Xmas time.