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Hi Darling:

And how are you this stinking hot day? We have a breeze that blows all our paper around, so we find important radio messages in the drainage ditches beside our tents, but the breeze is scorching hot and the humidity is very very high.

Nothing really new here except that the state of confusion still continues. The Hdq. has put out poop saying no ARC man will be released unless a replacement is available, home emergency exists. Notice the comma, they might have said and a home emergency exists, or substituted "or"... so it would be one or the other. Just a little ambiguous, and confused. My year overseas is not up until Nov.11... the day I left POE last year, ... so I still have some time to sweat it out. But if, by some possible chance, I could get back to Honolulu by then, I could get home by Dec. 1 and that is what I am working on at this point.

The military have made another one of their arbitrary rulings.. no supervisory ARC personnel will be permitted to "go foreward" meaning into the occupied territories, from here! Some of the boys with long (over two year) combat records, who should be the ones to get the gravy and glory, are really disgusted and fed up. They want to go to Japan.. but the military take the attitude that the island here is "understaffed" so will not let any supervisors go and the T.O. (table of organization) will be filled out of Manila, no doubt with green men from the States. So it goes.

However, I have won my battle, and my man Zook, that I wanted so badly, is to report tomorrow. This means that my arduous duties will let up a bit and I can get a few things done, like finishing some articles, sorting out pictures and getting stuff mailed at the post office. Next month I can start to sort my clothes, and try to decide what I want to lug home. Most of my clothes are ruined from one thing and another.. my green shirts are beginning to show holes, and the color is faded.. will save enough of my CKC (cottons) to use for old clothes for some years after the war. I was a fool to bring my

low shoes here.. one pair is worn out completely and the other one moulded.. so will have to buy new ones. I have two pair combat boots.. one badly worn.. the other almost new. Think I will throw the worn ones away and save the new pair. If I travel by air can only travel with 65 lbs. and that is not much. So if you get a box, by mail that has some clothes in.. don't get excited.. it only means that I want to get them home.

Am already worried about clothes.. I mean civilian... I think I could get that good brown suit around me twice... but can no doubt find some tailor to take a few yards out of it. Also want to get my Kilgore and Hurd account paid.. so that will be clean. I can wear a uniform for 30 days.. but damned if I want to, and during that 30 days I going to stay under wraps, anyway... mostly in bed.. I'll sleep days to be fresh when you get home in the evening .. how's that?

Last night we went to see the Ernie Pyle movie.. GI Joe.. thought it was pretty lousy. The war scenes were not particularly convincing and there was not enough good character delineation to make a real picture... and no story at all.

Must get to work.. anyway.. one of the boys wants this machine so he can get to work.. love you forever...


Henry.