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Fellow Bryantites:

Here's the letter the Service Club asked for. The spelling, punctuation, etc. will be poor, but the hand is willing.

I've been in foreign service for over 2 1/2 years now. In that time I've seen service at several different stations. I'd like to tell you a few of all the things I've done and some of the places I've visited but censorship prevents some. I can say, however, that we have excellent recreational facilities for the service men here on the post. Most important of these is the post theatre, then the bowling alleys, then the gym, we also have a baseball diamond, hand ball and tennis courts, a rifle & pistol range, near by on another post there is an excellent golf course and there are 4 or 5 swimming pools all easily reached from the post.

It's a poor soldier that doesn't gripe about something. Well, I've only one gripe. I've never been here and never had so much as a 3-day pass. If I could get a furlough I'd be more than willing to come back for the "duration."

How about checking up on a few of my old classmates and let me know how they are getting along? You know, Frank Budlong, John Downie, Virginia Knauer and a few of the others?

Don't bother to send me any packages. Whatever you might send, the chances are I have it or can get it cheaper and easier than you can there in the States. If you could enclose a few snap shots of the buildings and grounds in the next letter I'd appreciate it an awful lot.

Respectfully

Sgt. John L. Champlin