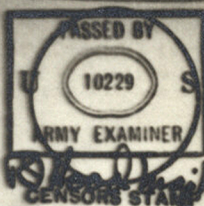


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DEAR MTSS BLANEY,

IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU, ISN'T IT. YOU CAN TELL FROM THE V MAIL LETTER THAT I AM NO LONGER IN THE STATES. HOWEVER, I CAN NOT INFORM YOU OF MY WHEREABOUTS AT PRESENT AS WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DIVULGE OUR LOCATION OR THE COUNTRY IN WHICH WE ARE STATIONED. PERHAPS IN A MONTH OR SO I SHALL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE I LAST WROTE TO YOU.

HOW IS YOUR NEW POSITION SHAPING UP? DO YOU MIND DOING TWO JOBS IN ONE? YOU MUST BE REALLY BUSY NOW CONSIDERING HOW BUSY YOU WERE WITH JUST THE PUBLICITY. I ALWAYS DID SAY THAT IF YOU WANTED ANYTHING DONE, GIVE IT TO A BUSY PERSON. YOU ARE SHE.

HOW IS THE ENROLLMENT THIS YEAR? HAVE YOU ANY BOYS AT ALL ATTENDING? IT REALLY MUST BE AS MR. ALLAN SAYS - A GIRLS' SEMINARY. I REALLY THINK ALL THE BOYS ARE IN THE SERVICES. SOME OF THE YOUNG MEN WHOM I HAVE SEEN HERE ARE NO MORE THAN YOUNGSTERS. I FEEL LIKE AN OLD MAN ALONG SIDE OF THEM.

THE LOCALS IN WHICH OUR CAMP IS SITUATED IS VERY PICTURESQUE. ANOTHER CHAP AND I WERE GIVEN LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON OFF AND WE STROLLED ALL OVER THE PLACE. IT WAS LOVELY. MOST OF THE HOMES HERE ARE VERY OLD AND I SURELY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INSIDE OF THEM. I IMAGINE THAT THEY ARE JUST FULL OF ANTIQUES. THERE ARE TWO ANTIQUE SHOPS IN THE TOWN NEAR OUR CAMP WHICH I HOPE TO GET INTO SOME OF THESE DAYS. I DO NOT JUST WHEN AS WE WORK SEVEN DAYS A WEEK HERE. I AM SURE THAT I COULD PICK UP SOME NICE PIECES IF I EVER HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE SHOPS.

I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EAT SEVERAL MEALS IN THE HOTEL IN THE TOWN. THEY WERE VERY GOOD AND I ENJOYED THE ATMOSPHERE. IT IS A VERY OLD HOTEL AND IT ALSO IS FILLED WITH ANTIQUES. YOU WOULD BE AMUSED AT THE PICTURES ON THE WALLS OF ONE ROOM. THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY AND THE SAYINGS UNDER THEM ARE TERMED WITTY. HOWEVER, NONE OF US CAN SEE THE HUMOR IN THEM. THE PICTURES THEMSELVES ARE ON THE STYLE OF CODEY.

THE COUNTRYSIDE IS VERY LOVELY AND I IMAGINE IN THE SUMMER TIME IT IS JUST GRAND. I HOPE THAT I AM HERE WHEN SUMMER COMES AROUND SO THAT I CAN ENJOY THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY. THE TOWN JUST SETS IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS SCENIC BEAUTY AND IS VERY QUAIN. IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF A BOOK. IT IS JUST AS PEACEFUL AS THOUGH IT WERE IN A WORLD ALL BY ITSELF. IRONIC ISN'T IT? IN THE MIDST OF THIS TERRIBLE WAR TO BE SENT TO SOMEPLACE THAT THAT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF A NEW ENGLAND TOWN NESTLED IN THE VALLEY AWAY FROM THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE CITY. A PLACE, PERHAPS, WHERE THE NATIVES HAVE NEVER JOURNEYED BEYOND ITS BOUNDARIES AND DO NOT KNOW THAT THERE IS TURMOIL ON THE OUTSIDE. THAT IS JUST THE IMPRESSION I HAD WHEN I WALKED AROUND THIS TOWN LAST SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

WELL, MISS BLANEY, I GUESS I WILL END NOW. PLEASE REMEMBER ME TO EVERYONE AT THE COLLEGE AND TO THE BRYANT SERVICE CLUB. I BELIEVE THAT I OWE THEM AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF A PACKAGE. PLEASE INFORM THEM THAT I HAVE RECEIVED IT QUITE SOME TIME AGO.

SINCERELY, *Jack*

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