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WAC Det. IRTC
Camp Wheeler, W. Va.
25 Jun 1944

Dear Folk,
I guess I missed a day at writing,
I believe I wrote Tuesday night -
Wednesday night we went to the movies - saw
Red Skelton in "Bathing Beauty" Silly but
entertaining - Thursday evening - went to a
USO - a Jewish Program given by a prominent
Jewish Comedienne - fairly good but slightly
smutty. Friday stayed home and washed
and ironed + then started reading Floyd
Douglas "The Robe" It is fascinating. I hated
to stop at 12.0 'clock! We have fixed up a
small room in our wing of the barracks
with a divan and 2 easy chairs, a book +
magazine cabinet, a radio, + two floor lamps.
It is certainly a relief to have somewhere
to go to sit down! We are going to enjoy it
immensely. ~~§~~

Saturday (last night) Kerner, Long + I
had supper in town, shopped, then we went
to the movies in town at the Grand Theater

It was air conditioned + had comfortable seats. The show was old but none of us had seen it. It was "Du Barry was a lady". I liked it. It was colorful + fanciful.

Today, I got up about 8 o'clock. Washed, + ironed, then I cleaned out both my wall locker + my foot locker. They sure needed it. I packed some of my woolen things away in suitcase so as to give me more room. I put my new winter skuts + hat, + my bathrobe + the lining to my utility coat in the mothproof bag with my winter overcoat.

I have been issued (as I mentioned) more skuts, shirts, + another cotton blouse. I have also got my tropical worsted suit all except the hat. Guess what I have a size 18 Blouse + size 38 shirts.

They are going to issue the off-duty dresses also instead our having to buy them. We certainly are getting a wardrobe. We're having a hard time to find a place to put it all.

This afternoon, Crockett, Long, Faisy Smith + I went down in the woods,

I darned stockings, mended my house coat which had become ripped in several places, and got started on shortening my fatigue dresses which are both too long.

Marjorie leaves early Tuesday morning on her furlough. also Sgt Bell leaves and I have to substitute for her as Barracks Sgt. I'll have to make out the detail roster and see that the barracks (are) (is) clean.

It is getting dark in the barracks. I suppose I must put on light soon. Nearly everyone is out and it is quiet except for the radio,

It has been very hot. It was better yesterday + today because there has been some wind.

I got both your letter, Mother, and Dot's in this noon's mail. Also last Sunday's news.

I got my picture's in town last night. I'm mailing one to Phil + two home (one for Aunt Grace + the other

for either Uncle Walter or Dot,
I don't think I told Uncle Walter
& Aunt Ruth I was going to give them
one but maybe they would be hurt
if they didn't get one even though they
didn't like the picture very much. Do
as you think best.

The suitcase rather got wrecked,
Dad. It broke one side of the top quite
badly but I guess it's still usable.

The box of clothes came fine. I
got them Tuesday. I believe

I am sorry Dot & Bev had
such bad weather & that Bobby
couldn't sleep better.

I must stop now and write
Phil & Mae

Much love to all of you. Give
Bobby & a kiss for me, Dad

Kay