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[Oct 10, 1944]

Sunday
4.30 P.M.

Pear Falls.

I am writing this in the hotel lobby of the New Perry Hotel at Perry, Ga. Marjorie + I came down here last evening, and got a room O.K. - We just checked out of our room and are waiting for a bus back to Macon. It is about an hour's ride. This is a rather pretty southern town with a surprisingly nice hotel with the best food we have found so far. It is a very small town with only about a dozen small stores and three churches, Methodist, Baptist + Presbyterian. We went to the Baptist this morning. - It was a rather attractive church with a sloping floor - woodwork all gray

seats comfortable with cushions - Choir
loft above + back of the pulpit and the
baptistry above + back of the choir
loft. There were I imagine about
100 present. It was a good service.

I had yesterday PM off and it took
me until 4.00 PM to do my washing
& ironing, so I met Margie as she
came from work and ^{we} started out
together although I had planned to
go in to Macon earlier.

I have had a really busy
week - I've played tennis 3 times
(last Sunday, Mon evening + Wed evening),
been to the movies twice - Tuesday to
see ^{any part were} ~~any part were~~ and Thursday (after going
to Macon for supper) - to see "AWAC, AWADE,
& a Marine" -

The first was very, very good +
the second very, very bad. It has nothing
to do with women in service + besides

that was coming in itself.

Friday we had special formation at which time 30 of the girls who have just finished a year's service got ~~Good Conduct Ribbons~~.

At the office also we've been busy. The boys in the File Section have all been transferred to other units so that now there are just 6 of us girls in the unit. I am in charge, and I'm going to have a job on my hands to keep those girls working as 3 of them decidedly prefer to talk all day!

The two girls who have been working in the 201 files are on furlough - one on regular furlough and the other on an emergency

furlough—which left me with only 2 brand new girls in that part of the files. On top of that, Lt Mahood, who has been working on the old 201 files sorting + packing them into boxes, has been sent back to the company to be mess officer, so I've got to do myself the work she was doing.

Of course, taking over the 201 files, meant learning a lot of new things - and planning new type of work - so I've had quite a week and was thankful we could get away for a rest today.

This new work makes a much better + more interesting job for me as Minnie can do most of the

actual work ⁵⁻ on the Decimal File
and leave me free to do more
supervisory work. It is going
to mean that I probably won't
get a furlough myself until February
instead of December as I had hoped.
There is just too much work ^{to do} for me
to get away. Anyway the traveling
will probably be less crowded than
at least, I'll have that compensation
I hope. I was, of course, disappointed
to lose my December furlough, but
that is the Army and can't be helped.
I suppose I can't complain too much at
having to put mine off 5 or 6 weeks when
the boys overseas have to put theirs off
for years sometimes! I could have
come in November, but the rule is that
it must be at least six months between
furloughs, and at the end of the year
and beginning of the next with the

change of files is an impossible
time to leave! Believe you me, I'm
going to hurry things in January
so as to get home as soon as possible
I'll start planning now!

Sis, what was the name of
the boy you and Phylis met at
Ocean Park who was from Caribou?
Marjorie would like to know.

I must stop now. — By the
way, I bought the two Bobbys'
Christmas presents last night. The
nicest wooden turtles to pull with
a string. I couldn't resist them
and only hope I can pack them
well enough so they won't break
in sending them. I believe I can
all right.

I don't know what I want - but there
are a few things which would be nice -
a pair a pullman slippers to take
with me weekends - my slippers take
up so much room - always of course
stockings - size 9 - medium length -
mother's cookies, of course - if possible -
the more, the better. If you could find
any panties that have some legs to them,
I'd be grateful. I doubt if you can,
however, I wear large (no longer
extra large!) Short leg pyjamas for
summer, or any summer pyjamas for
that matter - mine are all too large
now. a size 38 dress is right (18½ is
perfect) - so perhaps you can judge
sizes by that. I weighed only 153 the
last time I was weighed. Lost 18 pounds
in the army. Not ~~was~~ much as I wish
but I can't seem to help eating!

There isn't much else to do
for amusement, except to go out
to eat!

Really going to stop this
time!

Love to all of you,
especially Bobby today.

Kay.