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FORT OGLETHORPE, GEORGIA

Thurs. PM  
6.30 19 Oct

[1944]

Dear Folks,

It is raining very hard -  
so hard we were soaked by the time  
we got home. Most everyone is staying in  
this evening - We have a fire in the stove  
near my bed and it is very comfortable. The  
radio is playing nice band music broadcast  
by one of our bands here on the post.

I got your letter dated Oct 14 last  
evening. Mother, I'll try to answer  
some of the questions.

I think you're right, Mother, about  
its breaking up the winter more for me to  
come later, and I really don't mind  
too much as it will be only a few weeks  
late anyway I expect.

It's too bad for Craig to have to stay so long, isn't it. I'll try to write him again this week.

As for my new job - it is an expansion of my old one really, as I have both the decimal file & the 201 - Minnie is able to do the decimal file herself and likes it better now that I don't so closely supervise her work! The other girls are OK. There is Cpl Fda Helfand, a Jewish girl who is nice and works hard; then the two new girls, both Privates, Elizabeth Pope and ? Meeker. -

Pope is a young rather unculture & girl who isn't bad to work with although she is always in trouble about something as she is very scatterbrained and has no sense of right & wrong or of responsibility apparently. She is likeable, however.

Meeker - (I can't remember her first name) is harder to get along with. She



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is loud + overbearing She has had  
 one year of college, and is probably  
 quite capable but she won't put  
 her mind on anything except every  
 body else's business and her evening  
 sales. - At present she is going  
 to motor school for a couple of days to  
 get a U.S. license and she may get  
 put on the message run instead  
 of the 201 file. I'll not miss her,  
 I'm afraid.

(Evelyn Wise)  
 The girl who had the emergency  
 furlough is back although her father  
 is still very sick. She was put back  
 in the Message Center much to my disappoint-  
 ment as she was a very good worker.

Naturally the 201 Files are not assigned to girls who can do anything else so the girls there are not usually very capable as you can imagine. It is not a very hard job mentally - just alphabetical filing - but does require careful + quick work.

It was nice you + Dad could go up to Uncle Walter's even if the weather wasn't so good.

What is Walt's address? I'm glad he seems to be enjoying it. It will be good for him, I believe. —

Now for the weather. — It was uncomforably hot up until a week or so when it turned off really cold and we have shivered with the thermometer about 60-65 with a cold wind mornings - warming up during the day. — I slept with a comforter, 2 blankets my woolen pajamas —  
 Last night during the night it really



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warmed up, but then this rain started at noon and it is cooler again. I guess this is the edge of the hurricane as there is quite a bit of wind. Not bad, however yet. — No we don't go swimming anymore. — I'm sending my suit home as I have no place to store it this winter — will you please wash it out well before you put it away. It is very dirty. I'm sending several pairs of stockings. If you can salvage any of them for use around the house, you're welcome to them; if not, throw them away. — How old is Beverley going to be Nov 11?

No, I never hear from Miriam. I have written her several times & sent her a birthday present in the summer but never

have had a word from her since I  
came back from furlough. She's queer,  
isn't she?

I guess this letter is about long  
enough isn't it? I didn't bring  
my pen home so I hope you'll excuse  
this scrawl.

Much love to all of you

Ray