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Dear Betty,

I am trying to write so many letters to you that you will have to do a lot of writing in order to catch up. That isn't a very nice thing to do, is it?

Here is a very interesting piece of news; Indirectly I am finished & am waiting to come home. All safe & sound & no 'Purple Heart.' That is probably the most welcome news to my mother, that, & coming soon. This waiting around camp, to come home, is worse than flying combat. So instead of all those things we wrote about, we can talk about, won't it be nicer if I can say 'worn' to you instead of writing it.

These Cytyle girls say that I am hard to handle, but of course you can't believe



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everything you hear.

Speaking of working, you make me glad that I know you. A girl that has a nice job, plenty of money, oh, & yes nice looking too. What more can I ask for. By the way you write, I'll have to tell the girl in Pittsburgh & the one in Boston to stop saving themselves & their money for me. You won't let me down now if I write & tell them that. See how much I think of your money & you.

Thank you for that 4-leaf clover. I carried it on my last mission. I can't say which brought me back, the 4-leaf clover or my pilot. I don't need the little lucky piece you sent me to remind me of you. I think of you all my waking hours. When! Till the next ^{to} east



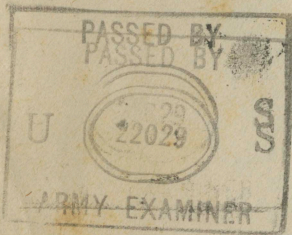
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