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Dear Mother & Dad,

Harvick had your mail for a few days.  
I was up to Hollywood on pass.

I had a swell time there. It is really  
the ~~most~~ most beautiful part of the country.  
Especially "Beverly Hills" where all the stars  
live. I wish you could see those homes. They  
are worth thousands of dollars. I saw about  
twenty of the stars. I met Walter Huston in  
the Beverly Hills Hotel. He is a fine guy, he  
signed my shotanooter bill. Just to name a  
few I saw, Malace Beery, Charles Bruggles, Ellen  
Drew, Carmen Miranda, Merle Oberon, June Allyson,  
Kew Murny, Billy Belcher, Horpo Mark and  
a ~~lot~~<sup>lot</sup> of the sporting stars that are too famous  
yet. Also I went to the famous Hollywood Canteen  
where all the stars come to dance with the servicemen.  
That's directly in Hollywood. Went to Ardies





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for breakfast but they weren't ~~brod~~ broadcasting from there. The new ~~stoh~~ ~~has~~ ~~stoh~~ broadcast is in Kansas City. So it comes from there till he returns to Hollywood. In the evening we went to all the famous night clubs. They are really big and beautiful clubs. And they all treat the servicemen like they were kings. I had some fine steak dinners in them. All in all it was a great trip.

I hope you have been hearing from John and Joe. and hope you are both feeling ~~feet~~ well.

Will get your mail tomorrow and answer them.

Your loving son,  
Francis.



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