

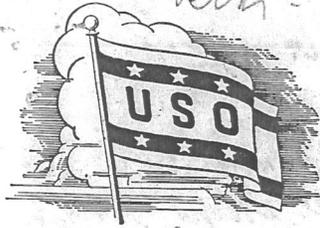
Dear Jim a bit late 5/31/43  
this a.m. It's almost 7.  
apparently there is a  
Trueman shipment to  
monow. But as yet there  
is nothing to indicate Jim on it. The  
situation is a bit confused because I  
was sent to Co. F, from which I was sent  
to Co. E. All of Co. F. is going, & Co. E only  
up to the letter S in the alphabet. So, the  
question is, am I going under to F.?  
gosh, I hope so. But (hee) I found out  
the rest of Co. E sent in my name with  
his G. So, unless there is a mistake, I appear  
not to be going to Trueman. And I think  
a mistake is much too much to expect. They  
make only the other kind of mistakes.

This morning I took calisthenics for  
the first time in a while. Did them all  
(not as well as they should be done) but  
it was no fun.  
And once again I begin to wonder.  
But yesterday was a good one. I hope the  
YSC with some of the boys & went to a little  
Indian restaurant where I had a good meal.  
We are in a "hock" which should end soon.  
Still hoping!! - Heed

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Rev -

5/31/43



I started a letter to you a while ago & put it in my pocket in an envelope. Then they gave us the bus of close order drill, without a break in a pause, & I worked up such a sweat that the envelope sealed.

So I'm starting a new one. There is still no news, though one of the boys claims to know that those of us who came to this company for shipment are going out in this one. While in the grasping at straws department, one of the boys told me he understood the shipping list was not alphabetical.

I am anxious to get your letter about your new troubles. I hope it turns out alright.

And tell me about Bill. He's quite lucky. But when I think of him - and of me - well. Why did they do it - does he know?

And now I have to go.

Of course, this month's treatment is very much on my mind, but I don't know what to say. I still doubt that I'll be here, about where I will be I can only hope. My feeling is that you should continue with the

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in the chrome everything will work out, and  
let us continue to hope that it will. I  
haven't given up hope, darling.

How were your folks? I hope they were all  
okay. I write cards to them all except George &  
Aileen + I'll write them today.

and here again I have to pause.

I have written Geo + Aileen, too.

You might pass along any news of  
any of the boys. I have had none for quite  
a while now.

I went to the P.O. I got your letter  
of Friday. Glad to get it even if it's duplica-  
ted or phone call.

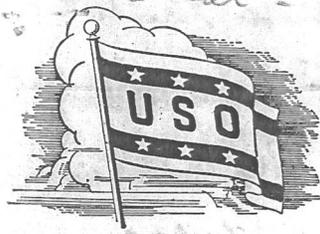
So sure seems as though you will be  
home less than summer. Hope the reason is  
division of gas for an expense.

That Joe Palooka strip is fine. Seems to me I  
saw another success one about 2 months ago.

Now there are new runners, add in the  
unpleasant kids. So I must  
walk down to the mail box + get  
this off. There I wish to hear  
the important ones.

Love

Wendy



Dear - when I came back from  
mailing the letter to  
you a week while  
before your letter of this  
got was here.

I agree with you about  
M.C. business.

The M + M + A situation  
is what we call in the Army  
"Snafu", which, if permitted,  
means "situation normal  
all fouled up."

And in it go along with  
your thoughts.

But I certainly hope to  
get it straightened out.

At the moment there is no  
thing new, but I'm still hoping.  
I'll include anything I might  
hear by mail time.

4:45. There is some news. O

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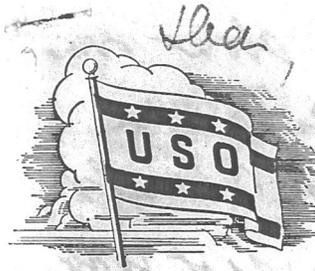
Saw the man Lt. to whom the Col  
had turned me over to told me  
they had to put me on the Trenton  
shipment because they were  
hoping to put me on a closer one!

I thanked him & told him I  
wasn't afraid that Trenton was  
close enough because train time  
was only 3 hrs +, that the only  
clear place in the S.S.C. was Wash.  
D.C. (He was sure by that wanted  
to put me closer). I also told him  
I was just crapping around, having  
finished training, & if I could help him  
& anyone else so I'd be lucky. As for  
a P.O. clerk, forwarding mail, I forwarded  
one to myself today. Gee, this really  
decent attitude they take makes me  
feel wonderful. But I do feel a lot better  
when I settle into a bunk at my post,  
which may be closer than Trenton. There has  
been "rumor" of one to Wash. D.C.

No, dear, I continue to hope & hope  
is stronger now. And I hope it is before the  
weekend!  
Love  
Dad

Let's hope in  
silence!

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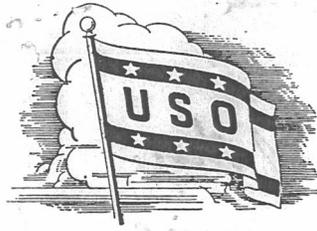
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I left a message tonight  
to mail a letter contain-  
ing good news. Now is a mail  
delusion at the Post Office town &  
I got there in time. I had done the  
last piece off & then forgot to mail  
it at the post. I brought it in  
town & forgot again.

I believe to the you New  
credit ship I am a mail clerk  
in Bu. Hy.

Did I tell you about Ab. King,  
the lawyer to be a student? See  
attached card from him, which, as  
a mail clerk, I delivered today -  
see today, shows the good work he got.  
In this morning, note I had

means to tell you about some  
of the training I appear to have  
received in M. C. Mass & caught  
up on this morning: not look  
riot formations. I need not tell  
you that he was the "feed in  
the street if they don't give"  
"shoot in if you have to" "remember  
you shoot to kill your enemy"  
etc. Americans were talked about  
not Nazis. We were told to always  
get the riot leader - that he was  
always on the inside of the crowd.  
"Get him if you have them" was the  
motto of the exercise. Substantive  
strike of union demonstration for  
riot & organizer organization in  
leader & I think you'll have the  
picture. And as he knew through  
the formation some of the boys were taken



free to make &  
describe vehement "jobs"  
with the old soul!

The money!

O hope, it has to be that he  
will be doing at MP's, that I  
got the heavy assignment of  
riding trains between NY &  
DC or something like that.

Well, I'll probably have  
time for fewer letters now.  
Best see what you find &  
try to keep close to my  
current address.

And I'll mail this to -  
might to replace the usual  
a.m. letter. ~~which~~ this was

Also leave before the a.m.  
any way.

I, Bruce Geo. Wallace & hope  
he has changed his mind  
about introducing the  
soldier's & legislator's plan &  
I mentioned to him. I hope  
he does it soon.

Remember me to Catts  
Winn & Henry, dear.

And by the way, when  
we get see him again & you start  
sending me stuff again, don't  
send me the back copies of the  
Inf. Bulletin unless it contains  
something really important or in-  
teresting. Else I'll be snowed under. You  
like Mrs. Mum away now. Good for  
now, dear - Love - Duke