



Letter #290

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Camp Norfolk, France
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Dearest Alice,

Received #149, and #150; today. We don't have lights in our tents, and it is getting ~~light~~ late so I will check over your letters first. 146, - Mainly about the fishing and the oscar domers. - 147, - Mainly my letters. About 'Time' magazine the rates for servicemen, are 3.50 per year, 6.00 for two yrs, and 9.00 for 3. - I used up ~~three~~ two rolls of film on the train trip here. Still have Bow besides the one in the can. We don't have our developing stuff set up here, so I will just carry the exposed ones with me. I had to hear about Ellie's 'expecting'. She never hinted in any letters to me. - 148, - SHAEF, - is Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Forces. - 149 - So the radio says that the 35th is going home. It begins to look as if they may be right. We still haven't been told so,

for sure. But we are being pushed through here, in a hurry. Yesterday we were all asked where we wanted to spend our next furlough. They checked our clothing and records, and are taking up our equipment. (It is now Tuesday AM, it got too dark too soon last night).

About packages, as I mentioned in my last letter, stow them all! - #150, - It isn't a C.P. camp, it's D.P., which is 'displaced persons'. Those are the slave laborers that the Germans brought into Germany from all of the different countries they occupied. - No I didn't get any kind of a notice from Reader's Digest. Will drop a line to Lillian, now that I have her birthday, it will probably be a little late, but that can't be helped, now.

We've been rushing around here like mad, lately. This is a real big camp, there are several movies here (tents), and an outside (open air), theater. There are several beer gardens, I had some Rheingold beer last night, from ~~the~~ the U.S.A.). There is also a Red Cross Do-

nut Dug-Out. We were issued ration cards yesterday, and there are several PX's on the place. - Saw three movies and two U.S.O. shows since I have been here. - Haven't been to the PX, yet, but they tell me you can get such things as flash-light batteries, lighter fluid, magazines, and a lot of the other things which haven't been available to us for a long time. - All of the work such as KP, and stuff like that, here, is done by German P.W.'s, which makes it nice, in a way. - Went for a shower yesterday, and used up a bar of Woodbury's soap, and a half a bar of Lava, getting the grime loosened up. Three or four more of those, and I'll probably start uncovering skin. I stayed in the shower for nearly an hour, and it sure felt good, that's one thing I really appreciate,

here. - Had a letter from Fred Kestetter
yesterday, it was quite old though, and
didn't have any news. - I had hoped to
be able to get to where I could wire some
flowers, but I'm afraid that I won't be able
to, now. As near as I can figure, this should
reach you somewhere close to August 1st, so,
~~from Germany~~ ~~France~~ this year, ~~as from the~~
wilds of Arkansas last year, I have to write
my anniversary greetings. - As you know
I'm not much at writing or saying the things
which I probably should, but, I will say that
if I had it to do over again, after eight
years, I would do the same. I'm still
very much in love with my wife, in spite
of any of her fears to the contrary, or my
inability to say or write the proper thing
at the right time. Missing you, as ever,

Love,
John