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Dear George,

The rumor of not slipping out this week, that I mentioned in my last letter, was a phony. Today I'm finally going to leave SAHAB. It was a rush for a while, due to last minute crap, but everything is in readiness, and sometime this afternoon I'll be on my way to Las Vegas, Nevada. I'm sure glad they sent us to Summer school instead of to Advanced. I'm really counting on getting home for a while.

Fran and I were down in the month about my leaving. Our sojourn here has been

quite comfortable. We resigned ourselves to the fact that Fran would stay here about 4 or 5 weeks. But yesterday, Fran and I managed to be together on the post for over 2 hours, and we bumped into a cadet wife we know. Her husband has been in Las Vegas less than a week, and has all ready been to town.

He wrote his wife that rooms were plentiful but upwards of \$10 weekly. He also claimed that jobs on the post were open. With this the case, I think Fran may join me in a week or two.

Outside of this there's nothing new. Sunny will

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last 5-7 weeks, and then, unless things have changed, I should get about a 12 day delay in route. I've heard that you can make Chicago in 2 days from Las Vegas. Should this be true, Fran and I may soon be home.

Frankly, I can't imagine where we'll stay, should we get to New York. I guess that will work itself out all right though.

My watch is on the blink, and it's in the jeweler's under repair. That's the first trouble in almost 2 years. It's filthy inside, and the jeweler claims his \$7.50 cleaning

job will do the trick. Two other jewelers said the balance staff was broken. This third jeweler, the most reliable and expensive in town, said everything was intact, but that it needed a cleaning. The other 2 jewelers wanted \$12.50 and \$10.50 to repair the watch. I guess the service men are really finding a warm spot in the hearts of the civilians.

Heard from Sam yesterday. He claims the food is miserable, otherwise no complaints serious enough to mention.

Hope you're getting the breaks. Will write next from Vegas. Sit tight! —
With a handshake in mind, Bob

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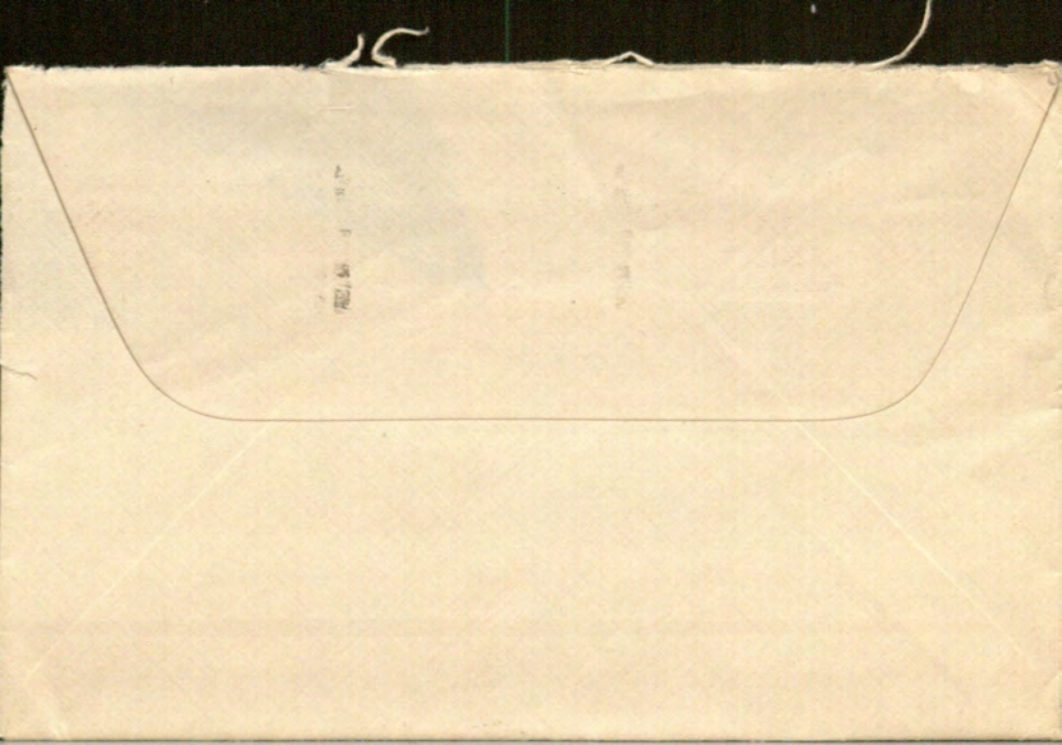
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