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Dear George,

Received your Jan. 21st. letter today. Glad to know you're still a file clerk, and not having it too tough. I sincerely hope your army job never gets any tougher.

George, in all my army time, I have had no interviews, save those helping my cadet status. Learning about all these interviews you are subjected to, is a little beyond my army comprehension. I honestly can't understand what it all means. In any event, it sounds better than all the time. Oh yes, I started this letter before noon, and am continuing now after 6 P.M.: I received another letter from you today in the second mail. Incidentally, yours are about the only letters I get, need I say. Keep 'em coming.

Frankly, I'm glad you are being held over as a clerk. I hope you stay there permanently. I know you're probably sick of the place by now, but it will be the same no matter where you go. So just try to stay in one place - as long as it is in the states.

Strange, you mention about your cap being on the left side - in the photo - that was the first thing I noticed. George, I really got a kick out of the photo. It made me realize how long it is since we saw each other. I got a funny feeling, looking at you in uniform. You sure don't look like a soldier. You're just plain you. God, but I'd give anything to be able to spend some time with you. I miss you George, that's no shit. We've been buddies a long time. I hope this

war doesn't end that harmonious spirit and friendship. I rather have an idea we'll lick this deal. As soon as possible, I'll try to send you a few snapshots taken in Santa Ana, just be patient.

I trust you weren't too disappointed with the army dentists. I had two teeth filled last week myself. Generally speaking, I've found them pretty good. Hope they don't start pulling all your teeth; I've seen that done so many times.

From now on, I am the Lieutenant's (C.O.) right hand man on the drill field. I no longer have to be part of the daily parades or the Sunday parade. He wants me to help teach the men how to march, etc. It seems I did a whole of a job out on the drill field last Wednesday.

This deal suits me fine; I dislike
parading, intensely.

Fran is doing swell with
her new job. The extra dough she
now earns is sure going to help.
I think I wrote about the 7 day
furlough I'm supposed to get after I
complete my 6 weeks at gunnery
school. Well, anyway, Fran and I
are going to call this our honey moon.
Perhaps we'll be able to have a
little fun, on a little amount of
dough. - We're both rather looking
forward to this. -

My eyes are bad; my
left one almost in full swing. I
hope this proves to be my worst
season; I really mean to act.
I may even decide to be held back
here for another 3 weeks. We shall
see. -

Trusting all is well,
and that you're having it easy -
With that handshake always in mind - Bob

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