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Dear Dr. Staughton

Enclosed are three money orders that will indicate that I haven't forgotten about the letter I wrote to you a short time before I came overseas. I only wish though that I could have been just a little more faithful. One is dated from Dec. 1943 and since they are only valid for a year I suggest that if he cashed immediately.

It is going on 19 months that I have left the United States and since that time I have seen a good part of the world. Such a long time has passed since then so I suppose I can mention that on our way here we

made part at New Zealand,
Australia, Ceylon and India.
Since we arrived in Iran I
have been stationed at Kharraw-
shahr a not too pleasant place
noted chiefly for hard work,
heat and dust. There is little
to be learned here too except
to see how poor and dirty some
humans can be and yet live.
On three occasions that I have
been very fortunate. A year ago
in Sept I spent several days
in Hamadan. Recalling your
Persian history you will remember
that in the time of Darius when
Persia was a great world power
(it seems hard to believe that that could
ever have been true) Hamadan
was a great city and a
great trading center between east
and west. We climbed into
the mountains one day and saw
inscriptions that Darius and
Cyrus had carved there pro-
claiming their power and
charity. Last May I spent
three days in Isfahan.
Isfahan was once called

half the world and even to-day
it stands as a beautiful architectural
monument to the ruler who
helped build it; Shah Abbas
The splendid design of the ancient
government buildings and mas-
ques with their many tile
patterns in blazing colors is
hard to describe. The bazaar itself
with miles of covered streets was
a revelation. In there it was possible
to buy almost any type of ware
and in many instances to
see those things being made
with the crudest tools.

Just recently I went to the
Recreation Camps at Teheran.
Teheran in many respects is
a modern city with a large
~~number of modern buildings~~
but unfortunately they didn't
plan on a few very essential
conveniences like running
water and sewerage systems.
Automobiles are very expedient
along with camel caravans.
A large number of tours are
planned and I visited the
Eulestan Palace, museums con-
taining old Persian pieces
and went to the red city

of Key that now is nothing
more than a pile of ruins.
From these trips and little
gleanings of information I picked
up here and there I was
surprised to learn of the great
culture that once flourished
here. It is sad to look at
the people to-day. All over there
is poverty. It is unusual to
see people clothed in other than
rag and walking barefooted.

Please remember me to
Dean Klentop and accept
my wishes for a joyous
Christmas season.

Sincerely
to
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