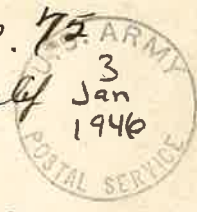


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Manila  
Jan. 3 - '46

Dear Mother,

We arrived here the 1st, didn't get off the boat until last night or yesterday afternoon rather. The trip up wasn't so bad. We had good food and the sea was rather smooth. Some of the fellows got seasick but I made it O.K.

Hope things are going well there. Sorry for not writing before I left but we got ready and left out in a hurry.

It seems as if I will be on my way home in a week or so. I guess you hadn't better write any more.

I should be on my way  
in a week or 10 days,  
2 weeks at the most.

Manila, seems to have  
taken a beating, lots of  
the buildings are wrecked  
but at that there are  
quite a few still standing.  
I only saw it from  
passing through. I haven't  
been to town yet.

It's really cold here at  
night or at least cold  
for me. I almost froze  
last night, have to use  
a little more cover tonight.  
It is hot enough in  
daytime though.

They have Filipina  
girls working in the  
Army mess halls here.  
Seems strange as they  
never had women working  
in mess halls even in  
the states.

I'll try to write to you  
until I leave for home.  
The 50 point men who  
were stationed here are  
reported to have sailed  
for home already. This  
outfit is always the ass  
end of every thing. Maybe  
since we are here now  
we can get started for the  
"States".

I suppose you have seen  
pictures & Newsreels of the  
horse drawn carts the  
people use here. The houses  
are as small, if not  
smaller than Shetland  
ponies. It's sort of funny  
to see them pull the  
big carts usually loaded  
with four or five Filipinos.  
Well I hope to see  
you soon. Bye Bill  
Don't write any more.  
So long. Willie

Dear Mather,

Philippines  
Manila  
Jan 15 - '46

I am very far from writing sooner, I have no excuse. I've just been taking things easy.

Well it looks as if I'm finally on my way home. We expect to load or get aboard ship tomorrow morning. The ship is the "General Langfitt" expect to get to Frisco the 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb. or there abouts. I get discharged at Camp Chaffee Arkansas. A rather long way from home but any old port in a steam hok?

I hope you all are well. Tell the folks hello, I hope to see you soon.  
Bye

We should be sailing by this time tomorrow. Bill