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Somewhere in Holland

Dear Flo,

The old mail bitch is roaring away again amongst the GIs and it is getting to be no damn joke. It's the biggest damn screw up in the war to all the men over here it seems. I did get two letters this week from Joe and one from Sung so my luck is better than average. Joe is where I guessed he was and seems to be doing ok so far. Sung isn't so happy with the conditions over in China and is quite disgusted with the whole thing. It really must be hell over in that god forsaken hell hole of a place. He amused me a great deal with one thing he mentioned, I had written to him about his wife and if he can live with her ets and he writes back as only sung could with so much unabashed realism. He wrote "I go home once or twice a week and that is plenty, after all I am a little fellow. It is hard for me to quite understand that type of temperance. He also sent me a picture of his bride who is a very attractive girl in the oriental sense of course.

I really had quite an experience two days ago and now I can say I have a star clientel. Mary Brian, June Clyde and Frank McCue came in and I did some work for them. They all were regular guys and not at all like a lot of those damn broads with these USO a shows who think and act like their \*\*\*\*doesn't have an odor. All these gals come in with colds ets and we get to see them firt and close, Mary told me us old mammas just cant take this rough going but she is a damn good sport and puts up with it. She shows her age a bit but is very good looking still. Lynn Bari also was around but wasnt in the show and she is a cute gal too. She is quite young and tiny. I had a nice mirror something I picked up in Germany and wasn't using it as it was too darn big to lug around for a shaving mirror. Well this June saw it and I knew at one she was going to use every femine trick in their very well developed tecnic and she got it alright. She said so sweetly Now Doctor every time I try to make myself pretty I will think of you. They were sporting mink coats that no doubt they got from some old buck not giving him much more than a line like that. The show was tops you notice the poise and charm the top notchers have over the general run of the show.

We are opening a big lounge down town for the gis that will be really nice for them. They have several red cross girls to run it and they will have tea dances and a fine place to hang out. The restaraunt is right across the street so it will be really convienient for them. The officers have a lounge here in the theather where I have my office too and that makes it handy for me. We have beer and it is the best beer I have had since leavn the states. It is made by our methods in Belgium Breweries.

I had dinner at the civilian home that I live at Christmas day and it was really fine. The sure do try to show you all the comforts they can and now I dont have to worry about taking care of my own clothes or boots at all. They are always cleaned for me with out my asking to have it done. I surely will be spoilet if I have to go to the field again. One of the officers that is on pass now was with me in the 30<sup>th</sup> div a doc and boy I can feel good that I got out of that outfit as the only one of the old gang that was there when I was is left. The dentist was hit in the leg and it is doubtful whether he will ever walk again. Several were killed and others out for many reasons. They really had a rough time of it alright.

How do you like the paper. I really made a deal on that. I got 2 hundred sheets and it didn't cost me a cent. I gave the man some soap I got in Germany and a few bars of chockalate I never eat anyway. He was more than satisfied too.

Well Its time for chow and that is a must in our days routine. Even if it is the old army menue eating off of china and off of a tablecloth makes it a real treat for us. We get wine every other day at meals and also ice cream. That is the best deal we can get. We use Powered eggs which isnt any good for anything anyway, powered milk and the juice from pinaples or other flavoring and with the ice cream maker in the restaraunt we make up a very good ice cream. That is one of the biggest treats over here.

Hope to hear from you again and that you had a good holliday season.

*Bob*