

Office of the Division Staff Judge Advocate
Headquarters 2st Cavalry Division
APO 24, San Francisco, California
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Dearest Mona,

Your note of October 7th with the many clipping of Sugar and Dave's wedding came last night together with the dear Abby clipping and a cartoon all of which I enjoyed reading very much. I noticed the long clipping about the military cutbacks in Georgia made no mention of Fort Stewart--I had expected that it would be one of the first Army installations in Georgia to be cut. It does appear likely that Fort Gordon will be deactivated. The cutbacks in Army personnel have been quite extensive especially among officers in my age group quite a large number here in Korea having received notice that they would be released.

Since I was passed over for promotion, it appears much more than a fifty-fifty chance that I will be released from the Army about this time next year. For planning purposes we had best figure on my taking up some type of civilian employment. I would like to teach or practice law or perhaps a combination of the two. In any event I shall start looking around in earnest when I get back to the States next Spring.

The stock market has surely slumped a lot in the last couple of months until stock prices are at the lowest level since Eisenhower's heart attack in 1955. Right now it looks equally probable that it will go down or up so I think I shall leave my holdings exactly as they are.

I enjoyed reading the letter from Lib. She has apparently had a tough time but is better now. Would like to see Ruth and Steward, Jim and Joella, Wade and Lib. No doubt they will have a fine time at their get together in October. Wade certainly sounds like he is going all right with his new red Gornet sports car. Wonder how he is getting along with the dog raising.

Am enclosing a form letter I picked up at the chapel today. Chaplain Woods is one of the finer Army chaplains I have known and I feel sure could and would make good use of any clothing which may be sent.

Am planning to go on R&R during the first week of November to Japan in between sessions of the University of Maryland. Please do write me by return mail suggestions as to what I could get you, Rosa and Will for Christmas. The possibilities for shopping here in Korea are limited to the PX and that I think I have exhausted. Do not fail to let me know if there is anything I can get you in Japan.

Received a mighty nice letter from Marie Lastinger this week, regarding the letter I wrote to the women of the church.

With much love,

Wynard

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