

New Guinea
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Dearest Inez,

The mail is coming in scrambled, but I don't mind that so much so long as it does come in frequently. I received letters of the 10th and 14th yesterday. I'm glad the coconut finally arrived. Incidentally it was the first I got upon my arrival here. Of course by now they're very common and I wouldn't eat one for a dollar, unless I was that hungry. The one fruit I don't get tired of is paw-paws. They're delicious and I certainly feel the need for fresh fruit, as we all do. Yesterday, incidentally, I was given a hand of bananas, nice ones, and several native oranges—kind of sour but good.

I don't believe I wrote you about my supper Friday night? The general invited me over—nice thick steaks broiled rare—and believe it or not—fresh sweet milk! The rarest treat I've had since coming overseas. The steaks and the milk came off a ship just arrived from the States. The milk—and the steaks—were frozen in shipment, of course, but the milk was just like home stuff. I surely enjoyed that meal.

It sounds to me as if you've been working too hard, with the church activities and all. Please take care of yourself and don't try to do too much. I know it's good work and essential, but you must use reason. I know you won't be another Mrs Burt and neglect the children for church work—I think that's worse than neglecting the church work. I'm not fussing—please don't get me wrong. I'm for what you're trying to do, and I know you will take care of yourself and not work too hard. You must.

That cable code address is AMEGES, and I would suggest to Mr. Spivey that he forward any cable you might submit to the district office addressed accordingly. No doubt it's a new address and he hasn't received a changed list.

I appreciate the clipping on Purser. I imagine he's being kept very interestingly busy.

Today I wrote Camolea a letter—should have written before, but just hadn't. I received a letter from JS before he left but have lost his address.

Please don't send any more cigarets. I thought they were available at overseas prices for mailing to service men. Our ration has been resumed, anyway, so I have an adequate supply now. If you send more print paper, try to get the kind that is packed "emulsion to back"—not "emulsion to emulsion." The latter kind tends to adhere in the tropics. Size for 116 negatives would suit me, of course. The more film I can get, of course, the more pictures I can take, so I'd appreciate any you can send. Oh, yes, don't bother to send candy. We get hard candy and tropical chocolate and gum through our PX now. Really, there's not much we need. Our food has been consistently good for the past six weeks or so, and although I know it won't always be that good, there's not much that can be done about it. We'll always have plenty, of course, but it will no doubt again become the old monotonous bully beef diet, for a short time anyway.

I'm enclosing some greetings cards drawn by one of the sergeants here in our headquarters. I think them particularly good because of their authenticity, especially the two of our area.

Lots of love, honey, to you and the kids,