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In The Field
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Dear Folks,

They say there is a slight chance of getting a letter home so I'm trying it. After 3 months of battling with the nips we are still pretty much in tact. There have been many exciting days and nites, and at several stages in the game things looked mighty dark but at the present it's looking a little better. However, I wish you would tell my ol' Uncle (Sam) that his little nephew would like a visit from him. I haven't seen the ol' boy for quite a while you know. You might tell him to bring along a few articles like tanks, planes etc.

Strange as it may seem I spent a pleasant birthday yesterday. Things have been kinda quiet at the front for the last week so some of the boys decided to give me a little dinner. They found a turkey and I told them how to fix up a rice dressing. It was delicious.

There is so much I had planned to say when the chance came to write but now I can't think, so I'll just jump around from one subject to another.

You might be interested in just what my part is in this rough game. I am with the Phillipine Army you know. They list me as Senior Instructor for the Battallion. There is a Phillippino major in command but we run it together more or less. Recently two American officers have been assigned to me. One is Lt. Frances Scarborough (a class-mate of Paul's) and Lt. Gregory (a corporal who recently got a commission, Red Williams, the officer who was with me before, met with a little accident about a month ago.

Have been wondering about Tommy. He should be graduating from flying school soon. Hate for the poor devil to be sent into this, but when he does there should be enough of them to do some good. Air fighting is not so bad if both sides are evenly matched.

Hope all of you are well. Am glad you live far away from any industrial section or seaport so you won't have to fear air raids. Those things are brutal for people who aren't used to them. The only thing to do in an air raid is to get in a hole, or if none is available, just lie flat on the ground.

My love to all the folks. Will be seeing you in a couple of years.

All my love
Devotedly,