

14 September 1945

Dear Mom;

Everything normal and still waiting for word about my status. The General layout is something like this.

Rumor No. 1 - Any officer with a high score over eighty five will be sent home within two months. That will be by the end of October. I have @ 100 points - the third on the list of high point officers which will mean of course that I may go home within a month or so. This rumor came to me from the head of our Personnel Dep't. Ought to be good.

Rumor no. 2 - just heard it through the latrine grapevine - in which the Capt of our Hq Co. said that the army may hold essential officers for threemonths and no more if he has high points as of VJ Day which will mean I will be home by Christmas.

Rumor No. 3 - From another Chaplain in one of the other outfits - that old high point chaplains will go home pending on the Commandg Officer of the Regiment the chaplain is in.

So choose your pick. I've signed already eight little cards at eight different times asking to be sent home immediately - and still nothing has come out of it. So - guess you're as clear as mud right now with all these different versions. Anyway - I'll be home pretty soon I am thinking - in fact it could be before Thanksgiving. Am enclosing a few more pictures that I had taken on my trip to Palestine. The captions are on the back.

The citation ceremony for the Legion of Merit was held the other Day. Mine was the second highest medal given that day which makes me rather proud. Anyway you'll probably read accounts of it in the Newspaper. I sent the medal home yesterday so you should be receiving it one of these days. Peter ought to get a big bang out of it. The Legion of Merit does not cover a particular incident but the whole campaigns-

The box before that, I sent home a bunch of stuff including a little Arab doll for Janes collection. She ought to have quite a collection of dolls by now.

Don't send me any Christmas packages this year as I don't think I'll be around for it. Just save one under the Tree for me and I'll be there for it - I hope.

Have been rather busy - and next week when Chaplain Aki goes to Palestine, I'll probably be multo busy running the program for the whole regiment. Nevertheless, it'll keep me from getting too homesick.

Take care of yourself - will write soon and give you more dope on my homecoming.

love

*Dan*