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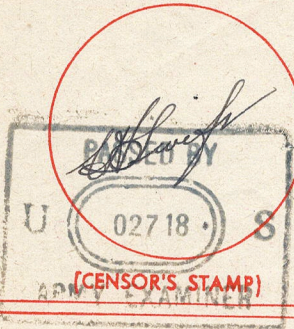
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Sunday Dec 17, 1944  
(Date)

To Mr F E Hertha,  
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Canada.



Letter # 25

Dear folks,

The day is overcast after an all-night heavy rain. We are getting used to this wet weather, and will have to take it until February when the season ends.

We are now sleeping in a squad tent, on cots with mosquito bars. I picked up some hardwood boards from a house that was bombed out, and put up in a floor beside my bunk. The wood looks like mahogany. But this land is the home of mahogany, teak, rose-wood etc., so we can afford such luxury.

Did mom have her eyes examined? Who is Dr Kusdan? I doubt whether glasses would do your eyes much good. You have been going without them so long. The best thing is to avoid close work and eye strain.

It would be alright to send over a small camera now. Try to get a strap adjustment so I can sling it over my shoulder. Also include film. It would give you an idea of the country around here; if there is anything picturesque or interesting to photograph. Also you could see for yourself, that I have not lost any weight during my 6 months in the tropics.

good-bye now  
Bill.

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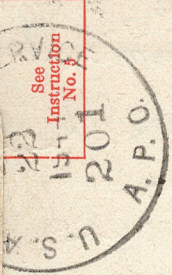
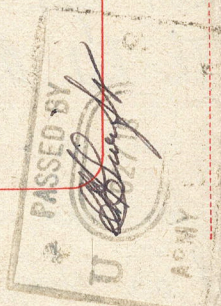
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