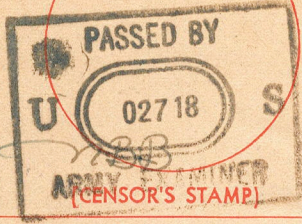


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To Mr F E Hertha
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From

Pat Wm H Hertha 1617741A
(Sender's name)
Med Det 8th Cav APO 201
(Sender's address)
% PM San Francisco Cal
Saturday Dec 23^d 1944
(Date)

Letter # 29

Dear folks,

We are now living in a town which has 2 churches a high school, hospital and public buildings. The streets are paved, and there is an electric power plant and waterworks although neither are in operation at the present time. It looks like we have a pretty good place to spend Christmas.

The medical detachment has moved into the hospital and we are sleeping on cots in one of the ward rooms. The Japanese, as usual, left this place stinking with dirt and rubbish. The floors of some rooms were littered with waste paper, equipment and trash. The Filipinos swept up and washed the floors, so that the place looks civilized again.

The Catholic church is always the biggest and best looking building of a Filipino community. This one is an old stone structure with bell tower and monastery. The inside is just as big as a Catholic church in Toronto. It has a beautiful organ. In the last town we were in, the priest refused our chaplain to hold Protestant services in his church.

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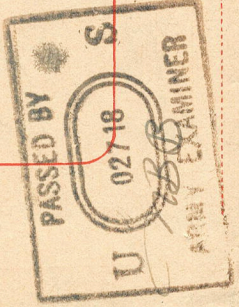
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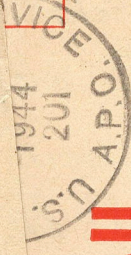
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