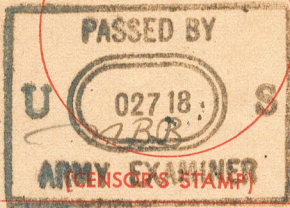


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To Mr F E Hertha,
28 Heathdale Rd.,
Toronto 10 Ont.,
Canada.

From

Pvt Wm H Hertha 1617741A
(Sender's name)

Med Det 8th Cav APO 201
(Sender's address)

7¹⁰ PM San Francisco Cal

Saturday Dec 23^d 1944
(Date)

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Letter # 30

This time we have an Evangelic United church in town. It is about the same size as ours at home, a wooden structure, built of American funds and Filipino labour.

That last phrase can apply to just about everything, here in this country. The Philippines was run on US money. A government job paid the best wages. American products sold on the market (some soap and toothpaste advertisements have survived the Jap occupation) The Filipinos want freedom but they admit, that there country is in no shape for independence.

During the Japanese rule, industry, government and finance broke down completely. The natives refused to work for the invaders and escaped to the hills. The Jap army mistreated them and lived off the fat of the land. The stores had no merchandise to sell and the country was flooded with Japanese currency. Inflation became so bad that people paid P 30 a box of matches P 150 a shirt and P 1,500 for a sack of rice.

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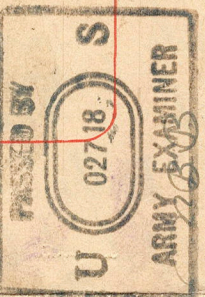
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