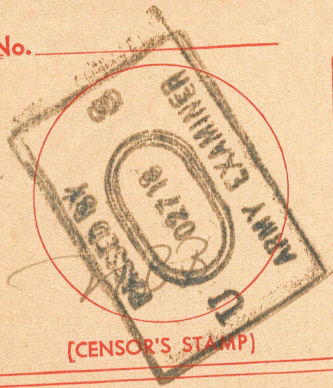


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Dear folks,

It is the day after Christmas. Everybody is suffering from a hang-over caused by too much turkey, candy, beer and tuba. I was so filled up, that I couldn't enjoy the tea dance, that the towns-people put on for the US troops. They had about a 10 piece band which played in the high school auditorium. The Filipino girls learn to jitter-bug fast, while on the other hand, the GI's had no trouble at all performing the Philippine National Dance. In this number the boy and girl dance apart, swinging their hands in the air in time with the music. The tempo is fast and sooner or later one of the partners becomes exhausted. If the audience enjoys it, everybody throws in coins to the dancers.

John Boudey sent me the programme of this year's "School Nite". As usual, 3 orchestras, the musical review in Hart House theatre, and tank show, must have made it a great success. I am not jealous of the good time my university friends are having. They don't know what war is. Maybe it is just an organized boredom. Even so, there is something in it, which leaves you with a more complete understanding and appreciation of life.

Bill.

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