

France  
Oct. 14, 1944

Dear Les and Bea  
Your trip to Chicago must have been wonderful. Flo wrote about how thrilled Ma was to have Rhete for company and how all of you had a good time together.

Thanks for enclosing the stationery. As you see, I'm using it immediately to write to you on. If you enclosed a couple of extra sheets with each letter that you write, I would be sure to have stationery ~~with~~ which answer you ~~with~~. It is impossible to get stationery of any kind here.

We are having miserable weather now. The rain is coming down in torrents and the wind is driving it along horizontally. Right now we are all snug and comfy in our pup tent praying that the wind won't carry it away.

Mother has been writing quite often and her letters

are very sweet.

We got our PX ration today which consisted of three Candy bars + two packs of gum + a tube of shaving cream. So far we've gotten them three times. Before that we were issued candy (Lifesavers) and gum by the Quartermaster every so often. The trouble is the candy tastes so good it is hard to keep from eating it all in one day.

The Red Cross gave us some tobacco, and Bob and I bought pipes to smoke it with. I had just gotten my pipe broken in when it "broke" so I guess I won't smoke for a while.

That's about all for a while. Regards to all  
Love, Herb