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Staff Com So Pac
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

July 22, 1944 -

Dear Mittie:

I know you are happy to get back home to the little infant, even if you did have a wonderful time on the west coast. It's too bad you didn't have more time in San Francisco. You would have liked so many things there and could have had a great time.

We are all very excited here over the news. We heard about the landing on Iwan last night, and then the news about the government disturbances in Japan and Germany. It looks as if we are at the beginning of the end, but who knows how long "the end" will take?

Aside from all that, we have a good time here now. We get rather recent movies and there are about

ten places we can go to see them free. They're all outdoors, and some are not comfortable, but the movies are all right. We never see any news-reels, or shorts, but I've been to "Miracle of Morgan's Creek" and "Phantom Lady" recently.

The wine mess is going full blast with a party every week. It's just like a state-side spot, with music in the evening, soft lights, and a decent sort of atmosphere different from the other clubs here, especially the much-publicized Hotel Pacificque, which is a mad rat-race.

We're expecting Jack Benny and company (who is already in New Guinea) and Bob Hope & Co. soon. There's now a troupe of USO girls here, and Jack Briggs (Dinger Roger's hubby) works over the radio station — one of the "Mosquito network". One of the men in the hut was in

high school with Olivia de Havilland, and we got him to write her one evening although he hardly knew her. The letter said we in the hut had elected her "Miss Tennessee 1944" (after the name of the hut) etc., and five of us signed it. This week we got a photo, signed to all of us, with her name and "title" and a letter saying she "hoped she could live up to her new responsibilities"! Now we're going to write to Dame Mary Whitty -

Has the novel come back yet? When it does, try it on these smaller firms:

Vanguard Press, 424 Madison Ave, N.Y. 17

Coward McCann, Inc., 2 W. 45 St. N.Y. 19

Julian Messner, Inc., 8 W. 40 St. N.Y. 18

Creative Age Press, Inc., 11 E. 44 St. N.Y. 17

Siveright Pub. Co. 386 Fourth St., N.Y. 16.

I don't think it's been to any of them, but you can tell from the marks on the list - hope you haven't lost it. Have Dad give you the necessary money out of my allotment. I'm sending

a copy of the new "Sismo" but it may be a month coming - ship mail.

I've had two reviews of "Stone Buts" - not very good ones - in Poetry and Accent and Endo sent me a proof sheet of a better one to appear in the N.Y. Times.

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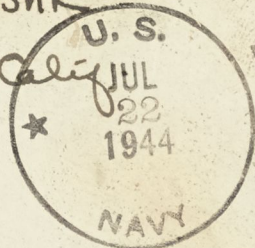
Will you get my camera, case and filter and send it to me with four or more rolls of Panatomic film if you can get it. The ban on cameras is pretty much off now. Pack it in a larger box, (strong) with paper padding around it, and insure it for 25 or 50 dollars. Don't say it's a camera unless they ask you. And buy a "Special Handling" stamp for it. Do this as soon as you can, so I'll have time for some pictures. Looks like I'll be here a long time -

Sore -

Hubert,

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