[TO Mrs. R.T. FOUNTAIN, Rocky Mt., N.C. FROM CAPT E.R. RANKIN, 12th DIV., 1946]

Philippines
Sunday, October 13

Dear Susie,

Ive been in the Army just
44 years today. Four years ago today
I went to the Greenville Army
Air Base.

It has been a long time but
Ill be back in a little more
than eight months from the time
you get this. I am not counting
on getting back earlier than that—
but there are rumors which, if
they materialize, might mean that
I would return 2 or 3 months—
earlier than June 30. Ill let
You know what this prospect looks
like from time to time.

I am expecting to go to
Manila about 9 A.M. tomorrow and
to return on Tuesday.

I went to church this morning
at the nearby Chapel.
I was certainly glad to have
your letters this past week-
end course always.
I haven't had an opportunity
to get to Clark Field yet.
I hope you are all well.
Take care of yourself.

With much love,

Ralph

I've appreciated your
sending the newspaper
clippings.
We had a lot of rain
late this week but it
has been clear today.