

Please send this the rounds of the family.



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Feb. 26, 1945

My dear Minnie:

Here we are after a miraculous escape — safe and sound — and getting some real food.

Last Friday morning (Feb. 23) just after the roll call group was rounded as we were filing out of our barracks at Los Baños we looked up to see our planes coming and as they approached — right in front of our barracks, the paratroopers descended, joined up with the guerrillas, and after fighting about an hour — bullets flying over us in all directions, American officers came through our barracks and told us to get our valuable papers and any small personal belongings together that they were taking us out in 10 minutes. We looked out and saw the tanks coming. (Before I go any further I am going to say we had some breakfast — consisting of cold rice which we ate while the bullets were flying.) In short in 2 hrs and 20 minutes, from the time the paratroopers



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Decided, we were in amphibian tanks
leaving camp. We could bring with
us only what we could carry. Between
camp and the lake we were fired upon
and our machine guns began. Just
imagine crossing the lake in a tank
with our planes flying over to protect us.
We are now being taken care of and
waiting for the next move.

When we registered we were given
chocolates, - and cigarettes (for the smokers)

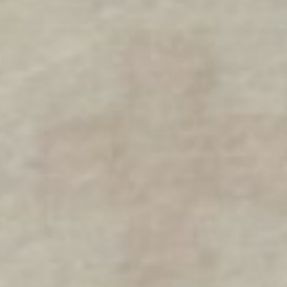
Seaman Shaw and I are still
together. All of our missionaries came
through with out a scratch - Marvellous
work.

Your letter of July 1, 1944, received Dec.
22, 1944, is the only word from home
I have had.

I am well, but weigh only 87 1/2 lbs.
However, I will soon gain some of it
back on the food we are getting.

We are so thankful to get out with
our lives - the Army has been wonderful.
With lots and lots of love to both you
and Ernest, I am devotedly

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