

My Dear Wife -

Saturday -
July 7th
Back in Hellgate
Barona

Deezie Darling -

I'm writing at a rather late hour this evening - but I'm back. The trip is completed. I left this morning - made only one stop (the "unrationed PX") and got back here this evening - dusty and travel worn - but now I'm all spruced up, writing to my sweetie! As soon as I got back I took a bath (out of my helmet - took five helmets full) shaved (another helmet full) - and now you could never guess my position. I'm sitting on the side of my bunk, my feet soaking in a helmet full of water - and I'm dressed in the usual (a pair of shorts)! My feet were warm so now with my feet soaking, my whole body is nice and cool.

My trip started - and ended - the grandest way. The day I started there were four wonderful letters at the first stop - and this evening there were four wonderful letters waiting for me. So as to be all spruced up for our chat, before I read the letters I washed and shaved - and I just finished reading them before I started this letter - and before I go to bed, I'll read them and dream some more - Badgie, your letters are so grand.

Also waiting for me when I got back were my PX returns. This month we got 2 tobaccos, three cans of juice (V-8, orange and grapefruit) and that's about all. I forgot - beer and three cartons of cigarettes but the fellows brought them from me before I left - even before they were delivered. We got no cake this time, but I made up for that at the PX en route!

That PX was quite the thing. On the way back we bought a case of fruit juice, soap, peanuts, candy and the new issue of 'Yank'. Cakes and tobaccos couldn't be taken out - so we had our fill of each while we were there. When they heard back here that those drinks were unrationed, lots of fellows are planning trips up there!

There was something I thought of while I was on the trip - wonder if you can

