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Letter from Yakima, Washington, November 8, 1942

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Yakima, Wash.

Dear folks,

It's late Sunday afternoon and I still have several letters to write so I'll begin answering yours first.

Was very glad to hear from you and know everything was going all right. I suppose all the corn is picked around there now. Are you having cold weather up there too? All this week it has been cold out here. It snowed Monday and again last night but most of it is gone again now. On Monday morning it was raining here in camp and then as we went up out of the valley, where our camp is located, on the range the rain turned into snow and we really got wet and cold riding in our Blitz-buggies (jeeps). Had to change all my clothes when I came in since I was wet to the skin — it caused me to get

a little cold so now I have an irritating cough. The rest of the Brigade came down here this past week and it is rumored that the General has said we won't leave here until Christmas - so we will just have to get toughened up to the cold. Snow certainly has come a long way towards us in these two weeks I have been here. At first it was only on Mt Ranier and of course it stays there the year around; but now the near Mountain ridge has snow over half the way down so I don't figure on any more hot weather!!

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boys were behaving. So I took a jeep into town and everything was pretty quiet until midnight but then the M.P.'s hauled in some of the drunks seventeen to be exact some pretty sorry cases. Found one soldier laying in the alley and it was a raining snowy night so you can imagine he was a pretty sight. I came back into camp around three o'clock this morning with a whole truck load.

One drunk started to argue about getting in the truck but he got in all right. Had another soldier who said he didn't know what happened to him but his head was slightly beat up. One side of his head was kind of bloody mess and his eye completely shut, so I imagine somebody bumped him with a bottle. All in all it was a little exciting to say the least.

This morning at 9 o'clock we had an exam at Regt Motor. We took the same exam last week Thursday and I got a Score of 85% but we needed 90% for passing. This

time we need to get 95% or else we will have to take it again.

Say dad do you suppose you could send me that winter cap I left at home and also that other barachos bag that I forgot and left hanging in the closet. You know the Army wool cap with ear-flaps. I need it all right up here, since it's a little bit different in climate from Southern California.

Angelina is about 100 mi from here so I don't think I'll get to see her.

Well I must close now and write a few more letters. Hoping this finds you folks in good health.

I am
Ralph

P.S. I got a copy of the Capital but I've missed the one of Oct 24 or 22 so if you still have that please send it up.