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Dear Nannie -

If some mail comes for me from Mrs. Cecil (Madge) Dittmas of Arroyo Grande, or business looking mail from San Luis Obispo, please open it. It may be the Deed to Avila property, or business relative to it. I do not want these papers forwarded to me unless necessary for signature. Just before induction I paid off in full for the Avila property but have not yet received the Deed. I would like to have it kept with my other papers in your & Stans safe deposit box.

Yesterday (8<sup>th</sup> day here) was the last of "processing" and most fellows in our group have received final classification. But not I. I took the Weather Observer test and barely passed, having forgotten all my High School Physics. Then my papers were marked "Camouflage?" and I was sent to a fourth interviewer whom I impressed by launching out on a discourse concerning "Esthetics - the Secret of Japanese Morale." He admitted that it was all beyond him, but he didn't think I was a crack pot. He wrote a very nice letter recommending me to Capt Webb of Public Relations.

Since today I am in the "Casual" group, because as an ex-Service man I am not required to drill. Instead "casuals" do odds & ends of detail, such as, this morning, I was ordered to gather cigarette butts

from the gutters. After 1/2 hours of that I found myself  
near a phone booth, & called Capt. Webb, asking him  
to order me to report to him which he did. He  
was quite receptive, and passed me on to the  
Capt. of Military Intelligence, who seemed to think I  
should be in Counter-Propaganda. However as  
I have been writing, an order has come to report  
tomorrow to the Post Surgeon, which means they  
may want me for Medical Cent. In the meanwhile  
I am still a potential Weather Observer! The  
weather here is beginning to feel wintery and all  
of us "Californians" are spitting and sneezing  
and coughing continuously. But North Dakota  
could be worse. Aida now seems to have  
greater charm than ever.

More anon

Tom