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T/3 Klaus Mann,
Post Public Relations Office,
Camp Crowder, Missouri

December 8, 1943

Dear Sgt. McCarthy,

Of course, I was somewhat disappointed not having heard from you in answer to my long letter and subsequent telegram. However, some days ago I had a note from my friend George W. Herald, to the effect that my "chances with YANK are exceedingly good indeed" and that the delay of your answer is due to purely technical circumstances.

I was pleased to hear this; for I am still interested in a YANK assignment -- notwithstanding the fact that my status has somewhat changed since I wrote you last.

My orders for overseas duty have come through at last; it seems that I am to leave this camp (and this hemisphere) in the very near future.

I am going to be shipped all by myself and expect to get some kind of job in the Public-Relations or Psychological Warfare line. However, I am pretty sure that I could manage to do some occasional writing for YANK, if you want me to do so. Moreover, if my position over there turns out to be unsatisfactory (you never can tell, in this man's army...), I might even try to get myself transferred to your staff -- especially if, at that point, the invasion of Germany is already ~~on its way~~ and you need somebody to cover that particular campaign.

In any case, I hope that you may find it possible, this time, to acknowledge my lines and to let me know if Sgt. Churchill was right when telling Mr. Herald that I am under consideration for a YANK assignment.

Sincerely yours,

P.S. The note enclosed herewith is from our Post Photographer, Sgt. Johna Pimper, whom I recommended to you before. He, too, keeps hoping for good news from your office. As I said before, I believe that he would be definitely an asset to YANK's photographic staff.

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