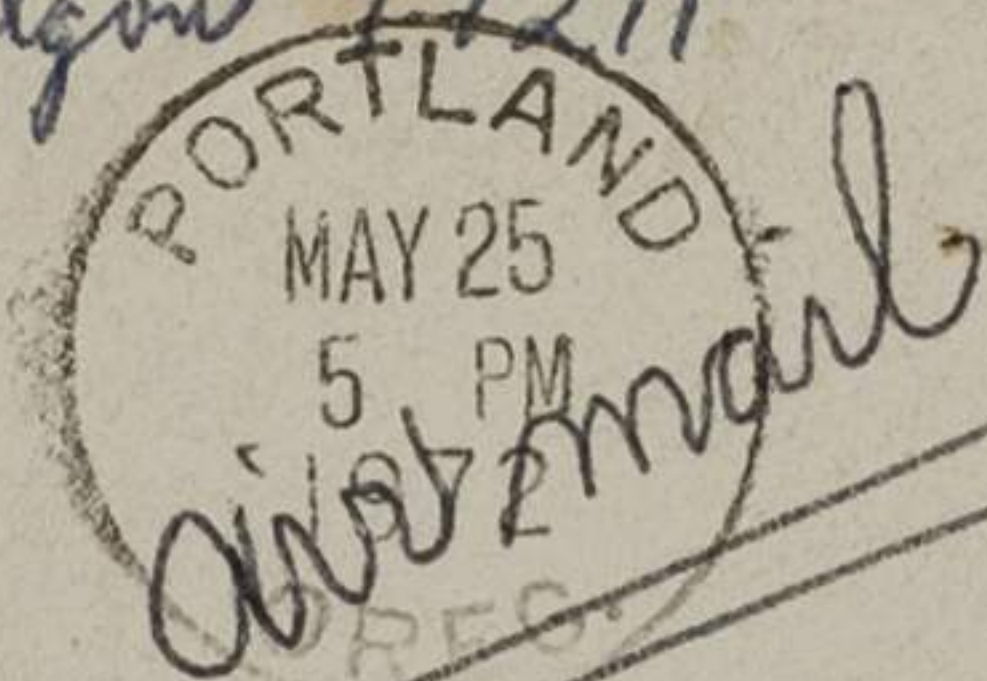


56 N.E. Emerson
Portland, Oregon 97211



Mrs Wm H. Bates
Bogue, Kansas 67625



Dear Sis:

Just a note to say hello,
and to send these few pictures to you.
Will have a lot more pictures to
show you when ever I come that
way. I hope that you have
a pleasant week end with your
guest.

Vertis is not coming down
this week end, so I will go to
Sat. afternoon bridge at Helen Rawlins
on Sat. Sunday is Women's Day at our
church, so I will be there both morning
and afternoon. We are having a speaker
from ~~Wichita~~ ^(sp) Wichita, Kansas. I do not know
her name.

Had to stop writing and make a
collection. Hope that Gil is feeling better.

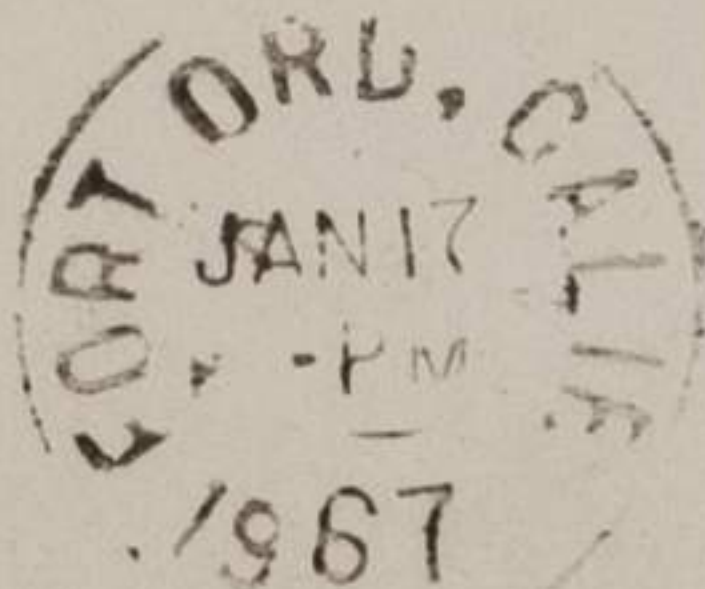
Love to you and all.
Your Sis
Loanetta

Bessie will you please check my balance at the Bogue Bank,
I want to find out if I have enough money to pay my taxes by June 21st

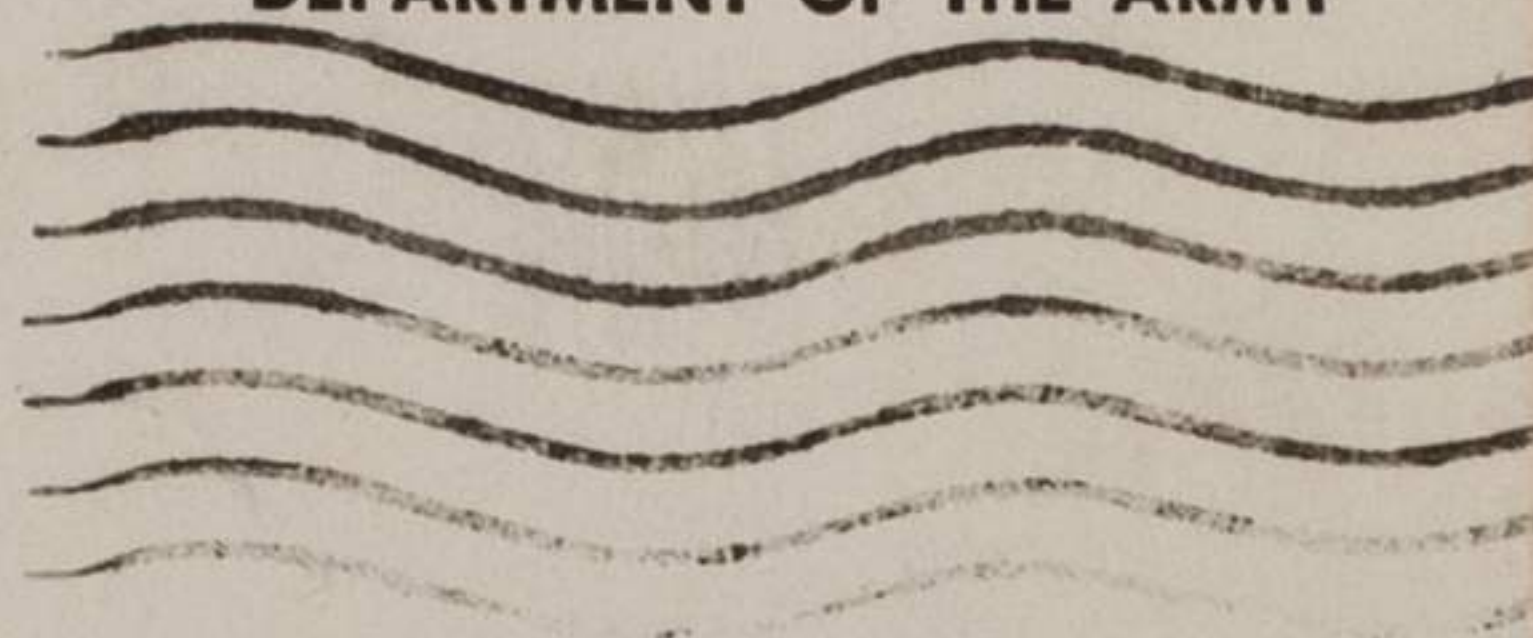
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

**US ARMY REC STA
FT ORD, CALIF 93941**

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



**POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**



Mr. & Mrs. James R. Bates
20-W-Manor St.
Altadena, California

91002

Dear Parents, Guardians and Wives,


A member of your family has just arrived safely at the US Army Reception Station, Ft Ord, California. He will be with us for about four working days, during which time we will process him into the US Army. The purpose of this card is not only to assure you that he arrived safely, but to furnish you with some information about the Reception Station.

During the time that the receptees are in the Reception Station, **THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE RECEPTION STATION AREA.** They may receive visitors, however, in our visitors lounge. The visitors lounge is open Saturday, 1:00-8:30 PM and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 8:30 PM. Due to medical precautions taken with all receptees, we can only allow **PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, AND WIVES** to visit receptees. Brothers, sisters, friends, children etc., will not be allowed to visit receptees. We would appreciate your cooperation in observing this restriction.

Since a receptee is with us only four days, sending mail to him here will only slow down its delivery. We therefore recommend that families do not write a receptee using the Reception Station as an address. A receptee is given a stamped post card and the name of the training unit to which he will be sent soon after he arrives in the Reception Station so that he may forward that address to his family. Using the address of a receptee's training unit will facilitate the delivery of his mail. In addition, if you write me about a receptee, - by the time your letter reaches me he will have left my authority. Write "COMMANDING OFFICER" at the address he gives you.

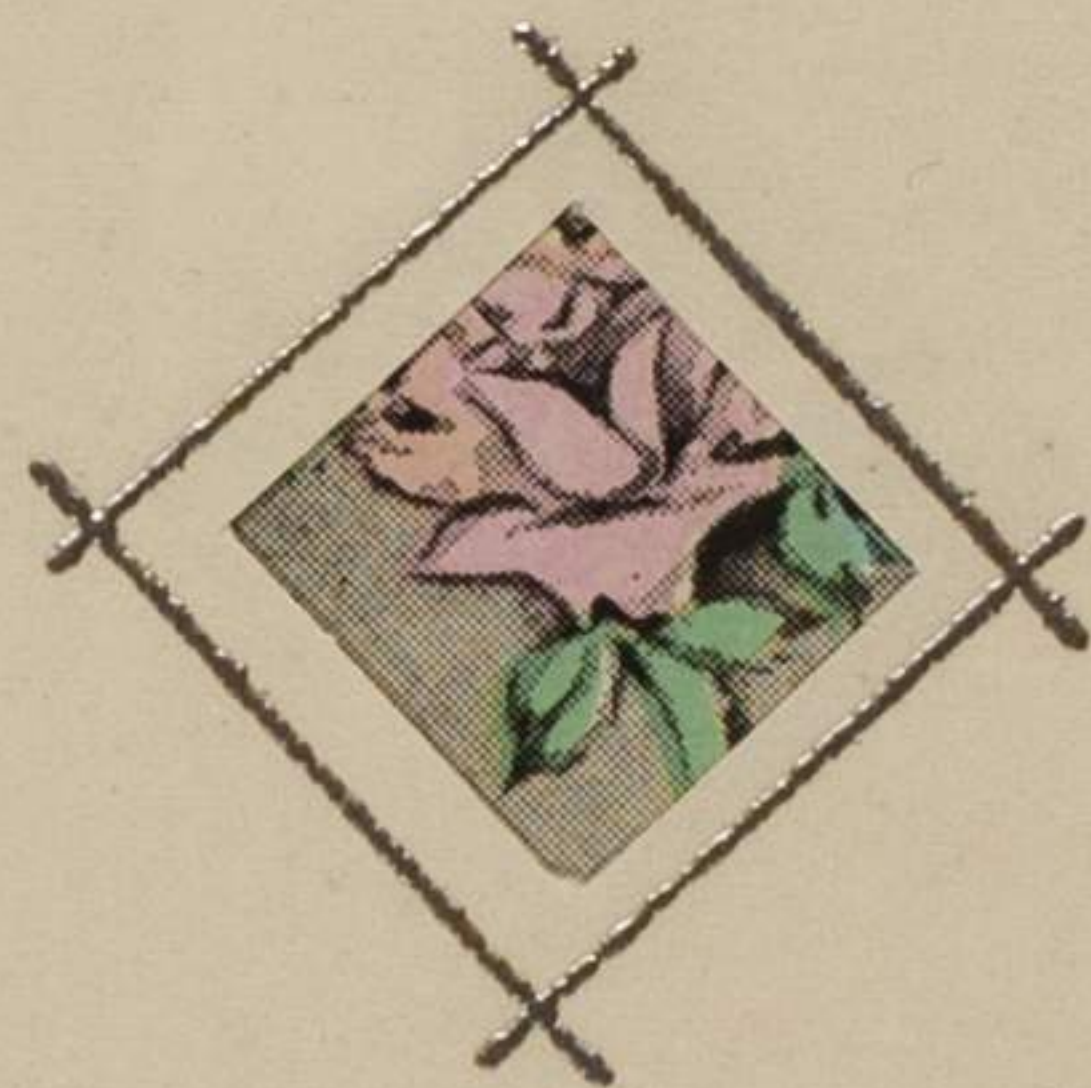
Should a situation arise which you feel requires the presence of the receptee at home, contact your local Red Cross for assistance. This will aid us in getting him home as quickly as possible, should it prove to be an emergency.

We fully understand the natural concern that families have when one of their men enters the **Armed Forces**. You may rest assured, however, that our receptees are well cared for.


EDWARD F. FIORA JR
Major, Infantry
Commanding



Mr. J. F. Bates,
1406 Wykehamway
Apt.
Kans. City,
Mo.



Just thinking about You
and wishing You every joy
on this Happy Birthday

From Mother.

Dear Mom.

Hi, well by now you know, Pauline has left me. I can't say how much I miss her. But Mom I always said you had a open mine. So I would like to tell you how I feel.

Mom, I can't say if there is a man in this world who love his wife and child as much as I do. Mom I was always not to sure about talking to Dad, I did after Pauline was gone. Mom you know maybe I ^{was} wanting to much or I love her to much, I don't know. I have a lot of Bad ftut. I didn't say I don't

Mom I've try to Please Pauline the Best way I know how
Mom can I ask you

Something. do you want Pauline
to be marry to me. I love her
very much. I want to go to
a marriage counselor. I want to
save our marriage.

Mom How did you
and dad. get your's back together.

Because maybe we can
do the same. Mom I know
you believe in God so do I.

I have pray and I am
still praying for her to come back

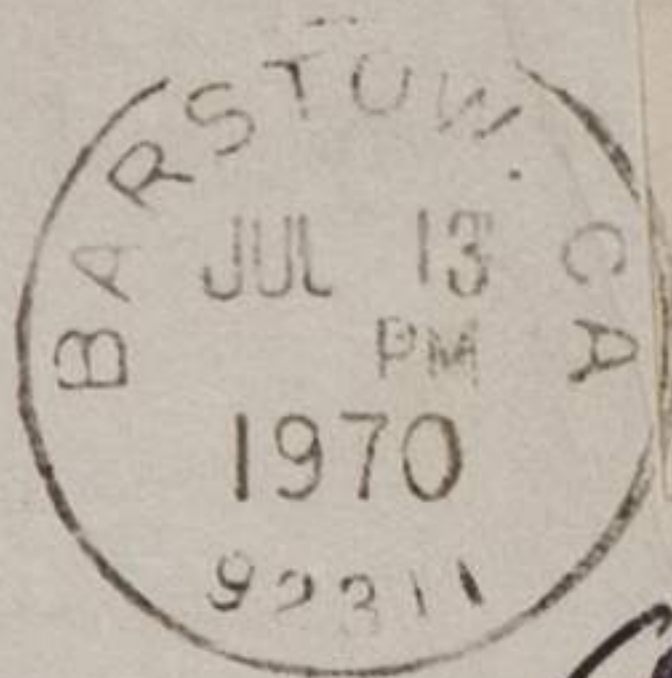
My eye are open now
Pauline, is the kind of woman
that ~~can~~ must be love and
also be kind to. Would you
~~to~~ write ^{to} me or call me
Please, I am begging you Please

Love Major

P.S. Mam I want her and time
back I love them very much
can you help me. tell me
how I can do it please
give me a change.
Mija

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Mayer Lewis
1736 Semrise St
Barstow Cal. 92311
ZIP CODE



air mail

Mrs. James R Bates

Bogue, Kansas

64626-

Dear Pauline,

The days are going by
slow. and ^{each} day I break a little more.

I don't know if I can
go on. I am trying but not to
here nothing ~~to~~ is going to my
head. Pauline is it so hard to

call me and talk to me. Please I
beg you. I love you and Tina.

all I ever wanted was you to be
happier, but you never were. I've
always ask, you? Pauline what is
wrong. But you would never say.

you would talk to
those girl up to Hosp. But wouldn't
talk to me. like now, you won't
call me. Pauline believe me, when
I say, God has show me I was
wrong and I want you back.

It take a lot to say
I was wrong. But I do. because I

Love you. I've never
want no one but you. I don't drink
or smoke and a lot of things I don't
do. But Pauline what ever you
want I will do. If you think we
can be happy come home. I do.

I am not going to hit
you no more. I learned what ^a good
woman I had and a good mother I
had. It took this, to show
But God knows I know it now

I will go on the. Fuel
Dept. and work, you don't have
to work no more. And when I am
off we can go and see things and
just be one flunkey. I miss time

I guess she doesn't miss me.
did she ask about daddy. O how
I love you ~~both~~ guys. Pauline
just call me. give me that change
I want our marriage to
work. I ask mom can a man

change, she said yes. Its
take somethings like this to happen
before he knows, well
I do. more then I ever ~~known~~ known

I never mess with my
girls, I don't want any. All I want
was a home for you. so that after we
got it, we could enjoy it.

well I don't know
if you are reading these letters or not
all I know I want
you to call me, and say major I
want to come home. That will make
me the happiest man in the world.

Love always
Major.
Kiss my Tina

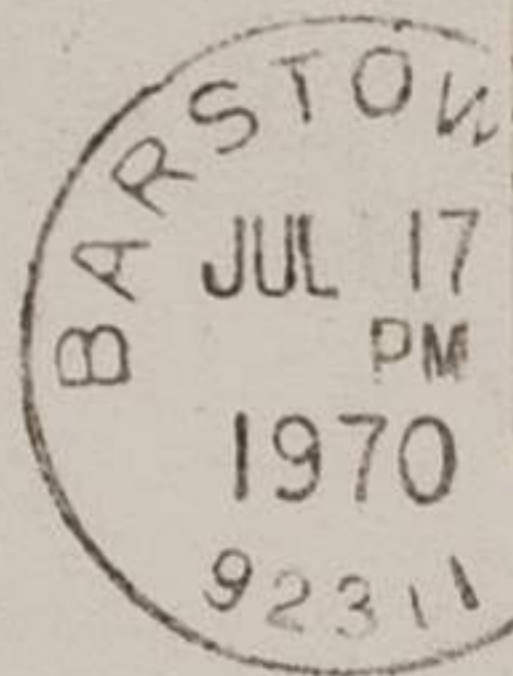
AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

Major Lewis

1736 Sunniss

Burstow Cal 92311

ZIP CODE



air mail

Mrs. James R Bates

Bogone. Kansas

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Dear Mother

Well how is everything going for you?
We are doing just fine. I think
Well I want to tell you about your-
sweet son.

He was in the Kawai Island. He meet
a woman. She came from main-land and
she have some problem in her past.
so she needs some friend. she said
James want to be her friend and after
she back to the main-land she send
to James some letters. and he send to
her some letters too. (that the story
he told me.) but 3 days-ago. I find
that letters. It was love letters.

I just can't understand why he doing
some way like before.

I asked James. Which do you ~~select~~
select. He said I want you and
Hanae. but I never thinking I'm
going to marry white woman. all-
I want money and sex ---!

I think he doesn't care what everybody
thinking about him. also he doesn't
care my feeling.

All I can say he likes women
very much and he can't control
himself. That's true.

I just don't know what he's thinking
but he said he loves me and Hanae.
Also I love James very much.
I hope he stop thinking some other
women. and thinking about me and
Hanae that's all I want.

I want to tell you more about us
but I can't detail to you
but I do hope you understand what
I try to say and how I feeling
would you give me hopeful answer

Love from
Diana

July 29, 1972

Misami Bates

3030 Ala-Ilima St ^{APT. #206}

Honolulu, HI 96818

ZIP CODE



VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs Charlesetta Bates
20 West Manor St
Altadena, Calif.
91001

Feb. 14, 1974

Dear Mom & Dad.

How are you doing? I hope that you guys are in the best of health I'm in good health to.

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm ~~doing~~ thank about you, and dad all the time. I'm not much on wright so you try to read this letter. OK. Mom my job is in the oil field. an I'm the first Black to work back her. everybody know me, an they like my work. I go from 9:45 to 4:15. just 5 day's a week. My old job is writing and asking me to come back their and work for them. I'm not coming back to California for a week or two. One of this year. how I'm trying to get all the thing I want

In life ~~is~~ like I stated buying things
I want the people back here just
talks to much. they think that I
shao be like them. but I got new for
them. Well Mom I am going to try to
buy some ~~land~~ ~~this~~ ~~Month~~ around the
26th of Feb. ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~
~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

Mom I have to go
know. I will try to ~~over~~right
some.

Love always Clint 'Pinky'
your son

Clint O. Bates
R.F.D. 1st
Bogue, Kansas
67625



Mrs. Mrs James R. Bates
20 West Mauer St.
Alladena, California
91001

11TH MAY · 67

DEARLY BELOVED FAMILY;

HI! EVERYONE HOW ARE ALL OF YOU GETTING ALONG? I PRAY EACH AND EVERY-NITE FOR YOUR HEALTH AND YOUR WELL BEING! WHILE I'AM AWAY THE DEAR LORD HAS REALLY PLACED, US ALL THAT MUCH MORE CLOSER TOGETHER, THIS I ~~THROUGH~~ THROUGHLY BELIEVE! FOR NO MATTER THE NUMBER OF MILES AWAY I AM, THE CLOSER I BECOME SPIRITUALLY WITH EACH OF YOU! AND MAY THE LORD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU PERSONALLY.

I'AM BEING BROUGHT ALONG QUITE WELL IN MY TRAINING, HERE ON OAHU, ITS QUITE HARD BUT EACH TIME IT STARTS TO GET ME DOWN, I JUST THINK OF YOU MY BELOVED FAMILY, AND EVERYTHINGS JUST GETS THAT MUCH BETTER TO TAKE IN-STRIVE; WITH EACH INDEVER I UNDERTAKE, AND ACCOMPISH!!

2.

I'AM STILL IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING MY SCHOOL WHICH I ENLISTED FOR, BUT NOTHING CAN REALLY BEGAN TO START UNTIL AFTER AIT (ADVANCED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING), WHICH I HAVE TWO WEEKS YET TO COMPLETE, AFTER OR RATHER UPON GRADUATING FROM AIT I CAN START GET MY SCHOOL, THE SCHOOL IS ELECTRICAL-WIRE MAINTENANCE FOR BALLISTIC MISSILES, WHICH I BELIEVE IS LOCATED AT FT. BLISS, IN TEXAS; WHERE IT'S AT EXACTLY I DON'T KNOW BUT THAT JUST ABOUT THE ONLY ONE ^{PLACE} ANYONE KNOWS OF.

ALL I REALLY WANT TO DO IS GET AWAY FROM THE INFANTRY PART OF THE ARMY, BECAUSE ITS THE MAIN PART THAT BECOMES IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY AND I PERSONALLY JUST DON'T LIKE TO THINK OF EVENS KILLING ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL'S OR PERSON, AND GUIDED MISSILES IS SOMEWHAT A LOT FARTHER AWAY DOWN THE LINE, SO THATS THE ROUTE I WANT TO TAKE, AND

3.

BESIDES THERE'S A LOT MORE TECHINALLY INCLINED TRAINING IN THAT AREA AND NOT SO MUCH ATTENTION DIRECTED ON HOW TO CHOSE WITH AND KILL THE ENEMY.

SO YOU SAY OLD TOMMY IS MARRIED AND THROUGHLY ENJOYING MARRIED LIFE, AND ARO DUFFY TOO, WELL I DO HOPE WITH ALL SINCERE WISHES OF GOOD LUCK TO THE BOTH OF THEM AND THERE NEW WIVES.

I'VE MET A FEW GIRLS HERE ON THE ISLAND, WHOM ARE QUITE NICE, THE FIRST ONE WAS MARRIED I FOUND OUT WATER ON, SO I HAD TO EXPLAIN THE SET OF RULES I LIVE BY TO HER AND THAT WAS THAT, THE OTHER ONE WHOM I SENT A PICTURE TO PRISCILLA OF WAS AN JAPANESE GIRL I MET AT A HIRTZ RENT-A-CAR PLACE, WHERE SHE WORKS PART-TIME, WHILE SHE IS ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, (AN EXTENDED CAMPUS OF THE MAIN ONE ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII ITSELF).

4.

SHE'S A REAL NICE GIRL TO BE AROUND WITH, AND HAS A REAL KEEN SENSE OF HUMOR, THATS REALLY TERRIFIC!! SHE'S REAL NICE, THATS JUST ABOUT THE SIZE OF IT.

I'VE BEEN TO HONOLULU, AND WAIKIKI BEACH, BOTH PLACES ARE NICE TO VISIT, BUT DON'T TRY TO BUY ANY MERCHANDISE THERE, IT JUST COSTS TOO MUCH, AND DO I MEAN, ^{WOW} JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING IS HIGH PRICED, FROM FOOD, TO SUN TAN LOTION!! (smile!).

HOW IS PAULINE, MAJOR, AND MY BLESSED LITTLE NIECE DOING, DOING? JUST FINE I HOPE! DID PAULINE LIKE THE IVORY EARRINGS I GAVE HER, I HOPE SHE DID! I ALSO AM QUITE GLAD TO ~~BE~~ HAVE GIVEN YOU & DADDY THOSE VERY, VERY SMALL TOKENS ~~OF~~ OF LOVE TO YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY'S, THO IT WAS SOMEWHAT LATE UPON ARRIVAL BUT, THEY GOT THERE JUST THE SAME,

5.

WELL ALL YOU GUYS KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, BUT DON'T WORK TOO HARD THOUGH! TELL PRISCILLA I'LL WRITE HER AGAIN SOON, AND TELL CLINT NOT TO GET TOO INVOLVED WITH WORK & FORGET ABOUT SCHOOL, TELL ANGELA I SAID HI! ALSO CHERYL TOO, TELL DAD TO TAKE THINGS A LITTLE EASIER NOW BECAUSE NOW THAT PAULINE & I ARE AWAY FROM HOME AT THE PRESENT, HE IS TO TAKE THINGS EASIER NOW, THAT GOES FOR ~~YOU~~ YOU TOO MOM (SMILE). AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME TOO MUCH, THE DEAR LORD KNOWS WHAT'S BEST, I JUST HOPE HE HAS PLANS FOR ME TO RETURN HOME TO YOU GUYS SAFELY AND ALL IN ONE PIECE.

SO MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU, MY BELOVED FAMILY.

my motto

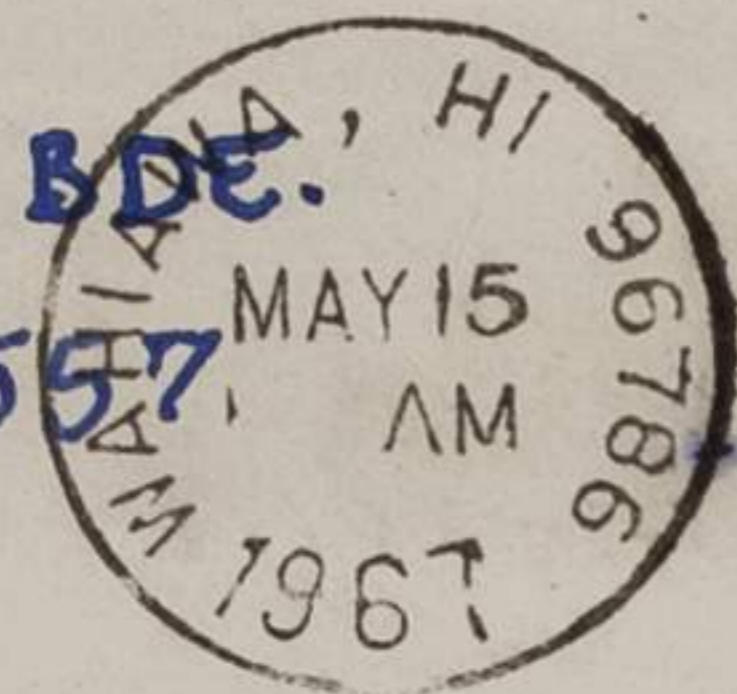
P.S. WRITE SOON, & TELL EVERYONE HELLO!!!

Love You Guys ALWAYS
James Carl Bates
(your son)

PVT. JAMES E. BATES

Co. C 3RD BN. 1ST INF. 11TH INF. BDE.

APO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 96557



Mr. & Mrs. JAMES R. BATES
20 WEST MANOR STREET

ALTADENA 5, CALIFORNIA
91002

VIA AIR MAIL

Dec. 20, 1976

My Dear One's

How are you all? These times leave us doing so so, have colds & etc.

Charletta which of you was to pay the tax on the Home place you are Chester? I thought Chester said he would this year so will you please tell him they are \$8.32 here is the statement and he can send it to me so I can have them paid and the receipt here. This should be been paid before today so the interest won't be added, but it won't be much, so please for give me for not letting you know any sooner. Let Chester take care of this but please have him send this slip back cause these folks get this takes kind of mixed up and I keep all my receipts. Would write more but time to go to work at Ora.

today. Fred doing fairly ok since his operation of Saturday. Thank God he doing fairly OK.

We got lots of Christmas card and gifts already from love one.

Christmas sad hear, but it could be worse, Our family life hear is just a mess. God only know how much one can go throw.

Our love to every one and may God Bless us all.

Love
Pearlina

Mrs. Pearlina Moore
R.R. I
Bogue, Kansas 67625



Mrs. Charlesetta Bates
20 West Manor
Altadena, Calif. 91001

Dear Aunt Charlesetta

How are you
and Uncle Rudy doing fine I hope, I
know it feel good to have the house
to your self sometime hu, smile you
getting to old to fuck now (Smile)
you know me and you all way have
talk about that kind of thing right
now that the joking is over, I finish
base training I have 2 month and I will
be though then I go home ya (Smile)
I think I might stay in as regular
army I couldnt spell it you know what
I mean I hope in away, you like it
then you dont like it, you really
have to be here in order to know
what I am talking about I guess but
it is so hard thought, I was glad to get
a letter from so soon I will be leaven here
so dont writ ok till I send the new
address ok, I have to go now I am suppose to
be working but I am ~~so~~ writing you so
Good bye ok will write more next time ok
Love you all
Vanessa