

Monday
December 4

Stu,

I received your letter today and was glad to hear from you. It sounds like you are having quite a time with the hunting situation in New Orleans. I guess I'd probably go out of my mind if I knew there were ducks that needed killing and I had no way of doing the job.

I've finally gotten my transportation difficulties solved. I've got my plane ticket now but there seems to be a slight difficulty at the present. I have five days left until my leave begins and I am now approximately three or four hundred miles from land. We're coming in this Friday and if all goes well I should be on my way at six o'clock Saturday evening. I go to Los Angeles for a three hour lay over and then it's straight to Cow Town. I am supposed to arrive at Love Field at two thirty Sunday morning, and R. J. is supposed to pick me up. Frankly there are too many ifs' and whens' involved in this little journey to suit me.

I know what you mean when you say, "A gun doesn't feel like a part of me any more". I shot my odd twelve double several times while I was home last time. The result?***---a sore shoulder and six out of seven wasted hulls. It'll take a lot of shootin

for me to ever be the same. Let's face it, the good ole days
were!

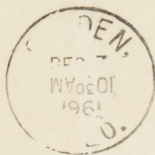
Well, judging from your letter you have'nt been having much
to do with the opposite sex lately. My final conclusion is--- YOU
NEED TO BE INTRODUCED TO A NICE YOUNG LADY. When we get home
I'm going to fix you up like you ain't never been fixed up.
Beverly will get you a date and we'll all go out for a nice
quiet evening somewhere. How does that sound? Now don't get
pissed off so fast. I don't intend for this to be anything per-
manent. Just one night and then you'll forget about her if(you
want to.)

There are a bunch of sea urchins out here that need to be
taken care of now. I'll see you on the sixteenth. If you want
to write me again send the letter to R. J.'s address.

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