



MAXWELL FIELD
ALABAMA

Wednesday December 16, 1942

Dear Sam Cecil:

I finally got to see Ed after all. I got back from mess yesterday, and ~~the~~ my lieutenant came out and told me that Ed had called, he is in town and that he would call back. He called and said that he had about an hour between trains and that he could come over. Well, you could have knocked me over with a feather, because I had received a letter from him Monday, saying that he was leaving the next day for an embarkation point, and he was sorry but he couldn't get over to the field.

I only saw him for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. I had about three hrs of talking to do. After he left I went to class, and I didn't learn a damn thing. I kept thinking of things I should have said. I guess he will be back in about six months to pin my wings on.

He was looking pretty good considering the fact that he needed a shave and he was wearing a leather jacket. He gave me his watch and a pin that he wanted me to send home to Dora. He said that he would try to write to you when he got to California. But don't worry if you don't hear from him for a month or so. It will take him quite a spell to get settled. We spoke about you and the kids. Let's hope that we will all be together again by next Christmas. This time for good.

Another thing, How I am. How would you like to have a Hamilton watch for Christmas. As soon as I get Ed's watch fixed I will send you mine.

There isn't much more to write now. I do want to wish, you
and the family "A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year" also
to your many friends and mine,

"Lots of Luck" and remember the same

— H — Mary.