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Dear Irving,

So your an old civillian now, my congratulations and all I can say is that I sure wish that I was out too. I plan to be out around the first of ~~XXXXX~~ March, I hope that they don't screw me up some way.

I was very sorry to hear that you didn't hear of your father's passing on until you got home, you have all my sympathy Bell, I'm sure the great loss is far beyond explanation. I feel especially sorry for your mother.

I wrote a letter to you via your home a few weeks back but I'm sure that you didn't receive it. Your mother write me that you were to land at San Francisco, if you were through there you wern't very far from where I am stationed. I sure would like to see you and it won't be too long until we are together again to raise a little hell. I plan to spend quite a bit of time in Santa Fe and I expect you will spend a little of your time in Albuquerque too. I don't know any girls down there but I don't expect those conditions to exist for very long.

I still correspond with Marilyn Heady, in fact I took her out while I was home on leave, I believe I can make something out of it if I try. She was about ready to go while I was with her but she was a little scared at the time.

No doubt you have seen Frank Packard by now, I understand he is home on furlough. My mother tell s me that Earl Robins is home too.

Well Bell it really must be great to be out and I do believe that you deserve it, no doubt you have seen some pretty nasty things. I have been plenaty lucky so far, I just hope it holds out and I get out as I plan to. This Navy point system is pretty rough. By the Army system I had over a hundred points but according to the Navy set up I won't have enough to get out before March and even then they might hold me as essential because there aren't too many rates like mine and the Navy contins that we ere important which in my estimation is so much snafu because any two year old kid could do what we do.

At any rate Bell I look forward to the day when we can take up where we left off and have plenty of fun and live again as a couple of nuts except in a little more conservitive way.

Write to me Bell and let me know your plans about School Etc, Oh yes and please tell me what in hell ever happened to Bertlet, I haven't heard of the guy since I left Santa Fe.

Well Bell you were at the station to see me off when I left for this dreaded outfit, perhaps you will be there to see me home.

A Pal forever
Blaine Qualls