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RANK: Technician Fifth Grade

ORGANIZATION: 475th Infantry Regiment

OVERSEAS WARTIME SERVICE: India-Burma Theater of Operations

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Virgil writes a friend who is also serving overseas:

“Jan 29, 1945

Well here I go I don't know much to say but I guess I can shoot a little bull.

I suppose mom told you that I am in Burma and boy what a place this is. You can probably get an idea of what I am doing by my address. Did you get in on the Phillipean deal?

...I dont like the hunting they do here. If we would happen to get home at the same time we will do a little hunting, you know a little chicken hunting and not the kind that wears fithers.

I had 15 days in Callcutta last fall, had a pretty good time. The stuff you asked about run from \$3 to \$10. Some of it was pretty nice. But most of the time you had to have a few drinks and in a dark place if you know what I mean.

Well, Bud I guess that about winds up things for now. Write Soon

Your Pal

Virgil”

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- Virgil made it through the Second World War and passed away in his 80s.
 - **For visual context, this link connects to an original wartime film in the public domain that covers the above time period and Virgil's organizations (viewer discretion advised):** <https://archive.org/details/CB-35>
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