



CAMP CROFT
SOUTH CAROLINA

Tues., May 4th '43.
8 P.M.

Dear Mom,

Gotta get to bed early, 'cause we have to get up at 4:30. So just a short note to let you know I got your letter of last Sunday.

Say, what in hell has happened to the mail lately. I acknowledged receipt of the hangers and underwear last week, and I also commented out on Vee's report card (favorably). Haven't you received that letter or letters yet?

You ask if I think they should shoot John L. Lewis. Damn near 99% of the barracks ~~is~~ would only be too glad to use a bayonet on the bastard. They ask "Would our battalion lay down its arms on the battlefield because ^{we were} ~~were~~ only making \$50 a month?" You're damn right we wouldn't. So neither should the miners. You can imagine what Joe would like to do to John L. now.

Was very pleased to hear you had attended Father Sherman's first Mass. And I would have been there if it had been at all possible. I was also glad that Joe Sherman contacted you. I'll have to get a letter off to his new address.

right away (I still owe him \$2 for those pictures in
the night club). As to Joe's suggestion that you keep
writing to Columbia 'til you hear from our Joe,
I don't know what to think. Best use your own judge-
ment.

Was very surprised to hear that Cordy is tentative-
ly planning to get married again. 'Nef said.

Am sorry too, to hear one of the chicks died.
Try to preserve the other 3 extant. Kate &
Dotty K. wrote me today, and Kate says the
Victory gardens haven't gotten very far up to the
present time. Keep plugging at the "Chiff,"
mom, & I feel sure ~~well~~ you'll get some good results
as regards the garden.

Mom, the news is short, & so one of the
boys & I are going over to the P.X. for one
beer. I'll write soon again.

Love, as ever,
Frank.

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