

Tues, 8/3/43

8:30 P.M.

Dear Mom,

Just figured I'd sit down & get a letter off to you. Have my homework done, but there's a test coming up this morning & I could use a little study. But I don't feel like getting down to it, and know that letter writing will put me in a better frame of mind.

Your package with my cigarettes, physics book, gym shorts & socks, etc, arrived last week. Thanks a lot. The cigs were particularly helpful. I guess they kept us four alive. But we gathered renewed vigor when a notice arrived saying that a letter (registered) is waiting for me at Cary Hall P.O. That could mean only one thing - as we all realized, I'll pick it up tomorrow. I expect it's from you, so thanks in advance. Our total aggregate of funds (4 of us) is 19¢. And I already owe 4.50 that I borrowed [65¢ to get my C.O.D. khakis from the Rabigh laundry]. So you may rest assured the green stuff will go a long way. Yet relief is in sight.

A latrine rumor from the 3rd seat confirms that the few of us who haven't been paid yet will have our day this Thurs. nite. I sure hope so. We've even been rationing our Coca-Colas here. But there'll be a lot of expense to come out of that pay - 4.50 on loans, \$2 for gym stuff (more), dough for copy books, rulers, etc, stationery, some more shorts & shirts, shaving equip, etc.

Yes, Mom, I still have my Miraculous Medal Chain. So send the medal on out. And again, thanks.

Glad to hear you went to Conn. You don't get out enough, and even a day away from home must have done you a lot of good. Say hello to Ma for me, and tell her to "keep on the ball" - particularly with her prayers.

Got a letter from Dot last week. She didn't have much to say - but a furlough will do her a lot of good, too. Guess I told you Collin's 4F. He's pretty glum about it.

Am also glad to hear Jim's to be at B'klyn Navy Yard for a while. That's a break for him. Sure wish I were stationed near some relatives - any kind - even 42nd Cousins - Say, maybe that kind would be

letter. You know you can marry out
3rd degree of relationship!

Was really surprised and shocked to hear
the news about Neil Ruddy. He was a great friend
of Joe & me. He's Doc Ruddy's nephew. I offered
Last Sunday's mass & prayers up for him.

Got another letter off to Joe on Sun. Gave
him all the news of everybody. Keep me
informed on El's & the baby's progress. Offered
some prayers for her & baby.

Know they're going to be just so much more
weight to cart around, but since I can use
them at the moment, send me my other 2
copies of "Radio Replies" - and wrap them well.
Both the packages were in pretty bad shape
when they arrived. Got a religious question
to clear up for a fellow Catholic.

9:30 pm Time to get on the ball again or else go to
bed. I'll decide later. Got about 6 people

to whom I owe letters. Just can't get them off.

Hey, how about those pix of D & me in S.C.

I have a lot of people to send prints to.

So long for a while

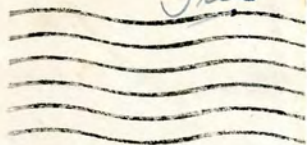
Love, as ever, and prayers,
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