

Monday 10 P M  
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Dear Jan

Oh! Boy are you gang  
getting ahead of me - with 3  
of you to write too I can't keep  
up - I had a letter from you  
on Sat - and another today - plus  
2 from Joe today and a Trust  
Post Card from Dot - she sure  
can't keep up with you two at  
writing. She had 2 shots <sup>up</sup> on her  
and only sent a card - as her  
arm was beginning to stiffen  
up. Are you all furnished  
with yours for six months or are  
there more coming. By the  
time the war is over you soldiers  
should be immune from all

diseases for the rest of your life.

Look Brothie if there's anyone trying to read between the lines it's you. Honestly Jan we're not doing any worrying - just because I offered you a little advice about your cold you take it for granted it's worrying. You have to admit yourself that when you get a cough the D.B. always takes a long time to let go so I thought by sending your regular cough medicine it might break up sooner. And - I'm not worrying about Dot either. I want say we don't miss you all cause we do but not to the extent we've sitting down and moping over it - we still get our usual shower of beer every night and we're going on living just the same as when you were all here. Father just came in with a can of beer and he cussing - Monday night, Rudy's on and he only got 1/2 can of beer for his 50¢ - There's only about six glasses in it and you know how mad that makes him. Have you gotten to Spartansburg yet? One time at Deaneck I saw a letter from Richie - he had made a trip into Spartansburg and was so disappointed he said he wouldn't try it again - Let's see what your re-acton will be. Have you heard the results of your exam yet?

✓ Danley had a beer party last Sat night - Kampp - Kinross - Katz's and the

Sheldes present. <sup>3</sup> We didn't get there  
till 11 P.M. - Your Uncle Tony was  
his usual self but Gil was  
a pain in the ass. Your Pop's  
sore says "never again" - every  
time Tom said anything Gil tried  
to bust him up - we left at 2:15  
and there was plenty of beer in the  
keg which wouldn't have been the  
case if it were at Sheldes's - Kuro's  
Kutz's or Kamps, but somehow  
we were all glad to leave. Eileen  
had plenty to eat but Gil's presence  
seemed to put a damper on the  
whole affair. Of course we  
all brought gifts. Well our  
Cari's empty - only 7 glasses in it.  
You please don't desert - Reason -  
I can't afford to feed you. \$1.00 bucks  
fat - for meat - cake & 2 lbs of snacks -  
I expect we'll starve before the  
war's over - Tell girls & Cady we're asking  
for you all - on the phone. Love to  
Uncle Dot & Joe - Bye now - Love from Mother

# ON GUARD

By EDGAR A. GUEST

Alone at night, from seven to seven,  
Above, the wide and starry Heaven!  
Below, the hardened, crunching snow,  
Which I go pacing, to and fro.

Alone when all the camp's asleep!  
Save those of us who watch must keep,  
And back and forth until the day  
Must pace the tedious hours away.

Time was in school I used to look  
At stars within my nature book,  
But those are real stars I see,  
Whose light is coming down to me.

I watch them glisten on the snow  
As did the shepherds long ago  
And wish I could the names recall  
Of stars and planets, one and all.

On guard throughout the night I stay  
And Heaven, which once seemed far away,  
When all the stars are shining clear  
Is now so real, and O, so near!

ciared, do not cover the loss of the free food stamps and the sharp increase in the cost of food.

"If the department took both into account then the actual cut is disastrous to health and morale. It amounts to a 50 percent cut in the food allowance," the Alliance statement declared.

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## Boro Coast Guardsman Held After Attack

Philadelphia, March 15 (U.P.)—Coast Guardsman James McHugh, 20, attached to the Manhattan Beach Training Station, Brooklyn, was turned over to Coast Guard authorities today pending a further hearing after two women identified him as the man who molested them on West Philadelphia streets.

One of the women, Mrs. Marion LaForet, was found in a dazed condition in an alley. Her face was covered with blood.

Helen Thompson, 19, said McHugh attempted to push her into an alley near the spot where Mrs. LaForet was found. She said she

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