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Dear Mother:

Here I am again. I just finished a wash and also sweeping out the barracks. Jim asked me to stay here tonight so that he could go out and I did. He is letting me off Sunday all day. It is my turn to stay here this Sunday. He sure treats me swell. I hope everything is going good at home. I am glad you like the pictures that I sent. They will make an interesting scrap book won't they.

One of the boys here has bought a ring for his girl. He paid \$42.00 for it. Poor sap. I guess they are going to hook up. She is a waiters in a cafe. Its about sup + tuck. He's more bad guy + she is not a bad girl for a wonder. That is

as far as worldly people are concerned.
He could do worse. If they make the hitch
I'll let you know. He has known her
two weeks today or something like that.
I ask you isn't it?

anyhow we are having a good time at
the church. Souls are being saved and
believers filled. One woman was saved
three nights ago & she received her baptism
two nights later. She sure is one happy
soul. The change in her was wonder-
ful to see. Paint one night & then off
the next. She wiped it off the minute
she was saved. No one had to tell
her. I hope you don't get tired of hearing
about me & the going on at the church.
God knew what I needed. and he sent it
just at the right time because it sure isn't
any push over to keep on the victory side
when you are a long way from home &
church. I am sure glad I don't have to
work on Sunday. There isn't anything gained by
it.

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I am not quite sure what to do about the school
I want to go but I don't want to leave this
detail. Jim advised against it for the time
being. Mr Cartwright who is the overseer
of this work said I should go. He said they
could call a person into sea duty anytime from
this detail. So there it is. Don't worry about
me I won't rush into anything.

I'm glad to hear about Roland. Good money,
\$1 250. a month.

I am sleepy I guess I'll go to bed so
Bye, and lots of love to the most precious
and dear mother anyone could have,
Le Grand

I'll get a leave as soon as possible.
Jim won't string me along on a lot
of promises.
over

I send that as soon as I can. I don't know
what else to do. I expect I had better stay
on this detail where I can make more
money & send to you. I don't care so much
about the idea of sea duty, I wouldn't mind
only for you. I'll stay here in the U.S.
as long as God lets me. That's all I can
say. I don't like to turn the opportunity
down. But you can't beat this detail any
where. I am going to continue to pray about
it. Also we can't get any leaves until
the question of this detail is settled. Mr. Cart
wright is trying to get it under a separate
detail and that means a change from the
Yacht Club supervision to the beach patrol.
There can't be any leaves issued until
that is settled. However I have, so far as
I can tell, the first leave. Jim has
already accepted my request and when he
has permission to grant it he will send
it on into New Orleans for government
action.

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So far as I can tell everything is going well as far as I am concerned. I just don't know what to do about the school. This maybe a golden opportunity & it might be a boner.

I believe that this detail will be held together as long as possible because Mr. Cartwright is extremely pleased with the amount of work we are doing. He even told us to slow down because we were doing too much.

I got two letters today from you. I hate to hear of you getting let out but if it means the winning of those two sacks to Christ it is worth it. I wish you wouldn't write such blue letters. If you know how I made a person feel you wouldn't do it. Do be careful of your money that you have left. Doesn't your other policy mature in March the one for \$1,000.

I am glad that God touched little Peggy. There was a man healed of heart trouble last night. He was suffering pain & Bro Burian anointed him with oil & the pain stopped almost instantly. Isn't that wonderful? I sure was glad & everyone surely did rejoice. It has created more or less of a sensation around this town. Two were saved last night. One woman really got a blessing. You could see the difference in her almost at once. God sure is good to us here in Kentwood.

I sure will hate to leave here. I have so many friends already. They have almost adopted me. The pastor & the evangelists say that I am a help to the meeting. The uniform carries some weight with the people too.

One woman said that if I could live it she could too. She was a backslider & came back to God. She meant if I could while I was out in the service.

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We went together and bought Jim's luggage container. It is a nice suitcase. all of us gave .50 each on it and he sure did appreciate it. He deserves it. We aren't going to have to work on Sunday anymore either.

I am sure glad of that. We slept until 7:30 this morning. You keep me posted on how you stand financially. I won't waste my money. You know that by now. I am going to send my blankets to the cleaners Friday. I hope I don't have to break the \$100.00 bill I have. If I hold back on my tithing money & use that I'll have to pay interest on it. I am going to try & make it until next payday with our breaking it.

Have you sent the camera yet? I am looking forward to it.

That is all the news. So I guess I'll stop.

Don't worry about me. I still love you & God is still on the throne. Think of Jerry & Bro & Sister Welshons with Bud over on Guadalcanal. I sure feel sorry for them. That is a real test of God's love & faith & his care isn't it. I almost cry when I think of it.

Benny Doup & all the rest of the kids going into this war. That isn't right. They sure need our prayers. I really pray that all of them will come back. It was just last summer that Benny was carrying papers.

Well Bye & lot of love to all of you and look up, for when we see things things come to pass, our redemption draweth nigh.

Le Grand.

Give Jack & family my love.

He must be a nice boy or you wouldn't have let him in our house.

Glad to hear of the walnut table & chairs.