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Dear Mother:

I was glad to get your letter. Too bad it is so cold at home. I guess there isn't much to do about it only thank God that you have coal to burn and to keep warm with.

I am 12 letters behind in my mail can you imagine that. I got one from E. Ward & one from Taylor and a box of candy from Jimmy Scott so I really must answer that one immediately. Work goes on the same as usual. We took down one more building today. That leaves 4 to go and we don't know when we will take them down because one is the toilet the rest are living quarters. That is all the news so far as I know except that one of the trucks has broken down and that I haven't filled out my leave papers yet because Baly said they should be typed out. He better not stall me. I'll raise a stink if he does.

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						<p>He considers me as one of his best men and so does the next man under him. I don't think he will stall me off, after I apply I don't know how soon I'll get one but I'm going to take it if I get it the next day. Don't worry about getting the house fixed up just for my coming home. It looks good to me if it only has a shingle on the roof. I am going to try and buy a camera when I go to Baton Rouge. If I can't maybe there are some at home. I also want to get to a post office and send my tithing money home. I have \$15.00 tithing money now. If you can't make it to the Radio Club in the mornings tell me how it is and just ask him to let you out of it. I know it's hard when you have to come home and work too. I must wash this evening too. There is only one complaint that I can make and that is lack of transportation when I want to go somewhere.</p>

I don't go much but I like to go when I want to. I am rather anxious to get to Vicksburg for that reason alone because the camp there is supposed to be in close to town.

It is now 10 minutes until one almost time to go back to work. All I have to do is clean up the barracks that we live in and then cut a little wood for us. That is pretty nice isn't it. I get quite a few little favors like that but things like that don't help me to go to church or here I want to go. I guess I'll just have to endure it until we get to Vicksburg.

I think that covers most everything by now. I sure would like to see Bobby. That other dog around here is just like some people, it isn't very smart. I guess I'm getting rather short tempered from not being able to get home. I can endure that too. Anyhow I guess I'll stop and say goodbye, the Corin, his next in command here said they way I stayed around and wasn't running around and could be depended on

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						<p>that I just ought to go to one of these near by towns and stay over the week end with some one I knew. That sounds O.K. but I am not going to impose on anyones goodness. I could stay at Gollands because Clyde Jr invited me to but I would rather stay here and then I can always have Sundays off unless something should turn up urgently needed to be done. Its one o'clock now so I'll say 'bye and lots of love to the dearest and sweetest mother on earth, from your sailor boy with the navy blue eyes.</p> <p>L Grand.</p>