

Sunday Night 1
May 24, '42

Dear Mama -

I got your letter today with the poem - the poem is nice, but it sure doesn't tie in with the tune.

You remember, I told you the S.S. in my address stood for special service and that we were already assigned to some special construction work. The order hasn't come through yet so the S.S. will stay in the address, but they have changed this regiment to general service. It will be G.S. when the order comes through. On account of that we are likely to be here longer. I might possibly get a furlough, after I find out how long we're going to be here. Now don't look for me home - most of this is rumor. We have been changed to G.S., but that may not affect our length of stay at this camp.

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Dorothy and Bernice told me about your singing at Uncle Henry's. I had a nice long letter from both of them.

Did I tell you I got the book all right? I had to skip over to the middle to find the right date.

You'll have to make every automobile trip count, won't you? It will take your 3 gal just for your trips to town won't ~~it~~ it? I'm glad you're moving back to town - that will save gas, tires, car and all. And it will also be so much nicer for you all. Dorothy said Uncle Henry was thinking about moving out to the place. I sure hope he does - I believe he would like it.

I heard from Kenneth day before yesterday - I hadn't written him, so I answered right away.

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In the morning I get a half hour of ~~st~~ calisthenics. and a half hour of drilling before I go to my job. That suits me all right - it will do me good. Sitting in a chair from 7 to 5 gets tiresome anyway.

I still rate a letter a day from Violet, the girl in Maryville. Some time this fall, when you all have moved back to town, have Billy bring her over to meet you all. I think you'll like her - I'm sure she will like you.

This is Uncle Sams' paper - maybe I won't have to buy any paper for a while. I even used two war dept. envelopes when I wrote to Dorothy and Bernice. This letter may wind up in one. I don't think I have any. You needn't bother to send me stationery. But I would like to have my pipe and

a can of tobacco if there is one there.

What was the big idea, changing Jewell and Christine around? Did Jewell ask for it again? She'll have to board or drive the car, of course - she's liable to get sick again.

I haven't been anywhere. Nothing to talk about, and it will soon be time for lights out.

Don't forget to send my pipe. I'm gonna quit the cigarettes.

Love to all,
Bill