

March 13, '43

Dear Mama -

It was good to get the nice long letter from you. I don't write to you as much as I should. I know there's no use in trying to make excuses - you are always the same, if I do or I don't. I guess you'll always be that way. Don't ever think for a minute that you haven't done your part - you've done more - much more. If there is ever any blame to be placed, it must be on me for my indifference and failure to take heed. The things you've said, and the countless favors you've paid me will always be with me though - and I can proudly say that you are

responsible for the desire I have to do better. Believe me, it's there - I'm just sorta unsettled, that's all.

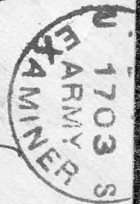
I certainly do hope Jewell gets along OK - she never says anything about her health in her letters. She told me all about her trip to Nashville, but didn't mention just how well she felt or what she accomplished.

I'm feeling fine - still gaining weight - in fact I'm doing exercises to rid myself of the excess - I'll feel better if I can lose about 20 pounds.

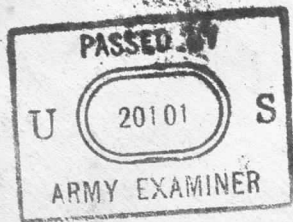
You'll hear from me often, and I'm not forgetting you on Mothers Day.

Laura

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