



13 May 1945

Dear Mom —

I've really waited until the last minute to write you — it won't be the 13th much longer. But anyway you'll know I'm thinking of you on Mother's Day — and I was at church services this evening to hear our Chaplain's Mother's Day message. The Chaplain just returned from furlough. Our unit chapel isn't very spacious, but when the chaplain gets behind the simple little pulpit, with his black robe covering his uniform, he makes you feel glad you attended. You'll get a letter from him in the near future.



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About the allotment check - you were right in telling me first because this is where action must be initiated. To start with, I'm sure it was deducted on the payroll - I always check before signing. Now - you write me again and let me know for sure which month's deduction you didn't get. You said April - but I'm afraid that might be the month you were supposed to re-
ceive it. In other words, you'll get the April check early in May, the May check early in June, etc. Let me know this as soon as possible and we'll write a letter to the office in New Jersey and



straighten everything out.

Tell Blanche I'm sorry I haven't written her. I suppose she still hears from Billy OK. She should be seeing him very soon - now that the mess is over in Europe. "2 down and one to go" - The Gaps are going to live hard now - they will be wise to direct their prayers to someone higher than his imperial majesty, the emperor. And Johnny should come marching home very soon too - has he written yet? I still have hopes - maybe I can see him this summer. More later - and soon. Love to all,
Bill