

Sunday —

Dear Mrs Waegell —

Gosh, I was sure glad to hear from you! Every time I receive a letter from you, you write such revealing facts that I learn something, every time. Thanks awfully for your gift. The picture of Margaret certainly surprised me. Not that I received a picture of her, but the picture of her sure brought me up to date. You know the fellows in my barracks exclaim she ~~is~~ has a quiet beauty, and others say she's very presentable. Once again I like to say thank you very much. Yes, you're right. As yet I haven't a margin of my own, reason being, oh well, not up to par, I guess. The reason the attitude of these Southerners to the Negroes shocked me is, because exhibitions of this kind did not occur up North except in riots.

You know, I was surprised to hear your sons were 16 yrs old already. Seems like a couple years ago, they were only about 10 or 12. Well, I'm not an old guy myself, but time certainly flies.

Here in the army, I'm having my ups and downs, and at the present I'm in the midst of my training. The weather is ~~set~~ so sultry here, it's very uncomfortable.

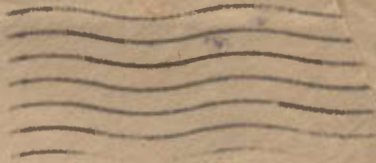
Do you remember Mr. Rose, who taught chemistry in High School? I hear from him occasionally, and he is a very interesting person. Right now he is in Redlands, Calif. I imagine the Mexican girl you wrote about once is Poncha Santos! I'm glad to hear she has taken the initiative and is independent. Has Donna Riley graduated? What is she majoring in? The person that did not get the break is Majorie Westgarth, don't you think? She had a wonderful scholastic record in High School. If you see her, will you say hello? And also tell her to write. Letters are among the cherished things a serviceman has.

One of the most important ^{things} the army is not up to par is news. The men are very behind on what's happening on the outside.

Tonight, I'm not feeling too well, because of too much ice cream & soda water I guess. It was so hot, that I thought I might be able to cool off in this manner. But all in all I'm healthy and getting along swell, so I'll cut my letter short. And if you find some time, will you drop a line?

As ever
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