

Wednesday night

Dear Family,

I'm pretty well off schedule
all the way around, so I'll
start righting myself by
a report to the home front.
My all-too-brief vacation
is over but I've stretched it a
bit with a convenient cold.
That is, I picked it up in California
and arrived home with a very
runny nose Sunday night.
With no twinge of conscience, I
stayed in bed till noon. Yesterday
I worked all day, but in the
afternoon my throat and chest
started to tighten up and by
10 PM I'd lost my voice com-
pletely — so I stayed home all
day today with an ominous
sounding voice — now
much improved.
I had a delightful stay in

2/ Carmel after writing you. About all I did was eat and sleep.

I had bought the Beard's Basic History of the U.S. and read that in my leisure. I went to bed at 8:30 Wednesday night and didn't get up till 10:30. It was overcast and chilly Thursday morning. I walked to town and had breakfast, met Aunt Betty for a chat, had lunch, and then sat on the beach for an hour or so since it had cleared.

Aunt Betty had just sent Darcy to a nursing home in what seems to be a terminal illness and was quite tired from 24 hours duty since the middle of August. However she looked pretty well.

I went over to the house for supper and we had a delightful visit. Afterwards we went to a movie. I was home and in bed by 9:30.

Friday I left late again and paid a final call on Aunt Betty and Polly before catching a 12:30 bus. It was raining

3/ but I could appreciate it after living on the desert.

They had mis-carried my message to Barbara so she wasn't expecting me back Friday. Instead I went to see The Canterville Ghost and got to bed earlier — just as happy.

I went to campus for 10:30 breakfast with Barbara. Then I visited the Ed. Bldg where I found many changes. However, June Willoughby was there — the secretary of the school — and she and I got up to date with each other — she's charming.

At noon Dr. Leonard got out of his all morning class and we had a wonderful visit. He was very understanding since he's just back from 2 years in Washington and also knows all about Jerry's case — and mine. He said any time I wanted to quit he could place me and gave me good advice on how to play my cards as long as I stay. That 20 minutes was worth the whole trip!

4/ I also met one of the girls I've known since summer 1941. We had lunch and a wonderful visit.

Finally I had to pull out. I was very fortunate in getting a reservation on the Overland Limited, an all first class train, ten minutes before the ferry left San Francisco. And luckily it didn't cost as much as I'd expected — only \$28 to Wells for an upper.

I got back here about 11:30 Sunday night — plenty tired.

Lots seems to have happened but many changes are rather intangible. Elmer has been working day and night, so you can know there's been plenty cooking.

I have been able to keep a leisurely attitude about my work. I'll do what I can and not worry beyond that — especially if nobody above me will.

I think I've gained some weight and hope to continue.

57 In answer to your offer — I'll
be glad to get the Bob Hope book.
I already have Anna and the
King of Siam.

Daddy will be interested to
know that I've received my
absentee voter's ballot from
Michigan.

I guess that's all the news
for now. Life doesn't seem
quite so bad here now that
I'm not rested — but I'm
prepared for stormy weather to
come. I think I'd be prepared,
though.

Love,
Helen