

Thursday
Morning

March 15, 1945

Dear Mom and Pop,

I guess you've been pretty worried about me, not hearing from me for so long. I think you guessed that I'm going overseas. Of course, as soon as we were alerted back in the States, we couldn't say that we were shipping out, so I had no way of telling you that I was leaving.

I'm on a transport (not too big but big enough) and we're with a large convoy of ships. I can't say how long the trip is going to be but it's going to take near two weeks. We're traveling as a group so it'll take a long time.

I'm writing this letter on the ship so it won't be mailed until we reach our destination (I don't know where - maybe

The first couple of days after we left New York harbor the sea was calm but that didn't stop me from getting sea sick. I stayed in bed all the time. But after awhile, I became used to the rolling so I'm having a nice time now. The food isn't too bad but I don't eat much cause we don't do anything.

We have plenty of reading material
so all we do is read all day or go up on
deck and just ~~stare~~ lie around.

There's about 150 other boys in our
compart ment and we sleep in bunks ~~that~~
high. I'm on the top bunk. I'm lucky, cause
I have a air shaft right above me so
I have a cool breeze all the time.

I'm sorry I couldn't send anything
for your birthday, Mom, but I'll wish you a
happy birthday ~~anyway~~.

In your very last letter you said the
socks you knitted are nearly finished so
I'm going to request you to send me socks
and candy. That way, you can send me
what ever you want. At the present I don't
need a thing because we have a PX on
ship and can get anything there. You know,
a carton of cigarettes costs 55¢! Boy, I
wish I could send some home.

The address you have now ^{is} a
temporary address so when I get
assigned to a permanent unit, I'll
send you my new one right away.

Until then just send my letters as you
always have.

I'm printing the request below.

I REQUEST YOU TO SEND ME ^{SOME}
SOCKS AND CANDY.

I guess that's O.K., isn't it?

I'll write to you as soon as we
reach land so until then

Jack

P.S. By the way, if you can, try to send
some snapshots you take once in a while
with you? I know films are hard to get but
if you do happen to get some don't forget
to send some pictures you take to me.

Jack

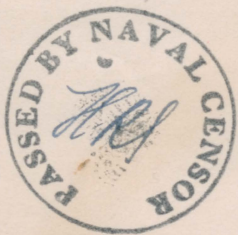


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