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Tuesday 7:30 PM

Oct 3, 1944

Dear Mom and Pop,

I didn't get a letter from you today so I guess I'll get two tomorrow. Anyway, I received 5 letters yesterday so it's OK.

The optical department gave me two pairs of G.I. glasses today. They're pretty good. I didn't even have to get use to them. They felt OK from the moment I put them on. The rim is made of a silver alloy that is very strong. Of course, for looks the rimless is much better but for work, this one is much better. I'm going to wear the rimless only for week ends when we don't have any work to do.

Today, we had a pretty busy day. We went out to the fields for marksmanship practice. We learned how to hold a rifle and how to shoot it. We won't actually shoot the rifle for awhile yet.

When we went to town, we bought some lines to bring back. When we go out in the fields we have a canteen full of water when we get thirsty, but the more water we drink the more we sweat. So all we do is to suck on



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a little piece of lime. This quenches our thirst for quite a long time and it also makes you feel refreshed.

A couple of weeks ago when we came ^{first} into the camp, we had a little trouble with the cook. One day we had rice and the cooks cooked it like all Caucasians do - they made the rice rice and mushy. Well we, boys being boys, grumbled about it. When the cooks heard this they asked how we liked the rice cooked and we told them. They tried it a couple of times but it didn't come out so good, so one of the boys had to show them how. There's a Jewish cook in our mess hall, and he does all the rice cooking. He says that he and most of the Jews like the way we cook rice but they don't like the way the Gentile people cooks it.

I still have to take a shower so I'll close this letter here and write to you again tomorrow.

Jack

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