

Fort Bragg, N.C.
May 25, 1942

Jo.

Received your card and present.
Thank you ever so much.

We are again at Bragg after a hectic time on the maneuver. We were not permitted to write while we ~~are~~ ^{were} away. We also are not to write about anything concerning where we were and what we did.

I can tell you that we visited another state, and I have been at sea in a large boat. I also bathed in salt water. It was not too rough while we were out, but the sea was choppy. I became just a little sea sick but not bad. All in all I don't regret the trip, it was an experience. But it wasn't so much fun, because ^{they} run us ragged.

We won't be here very long I'm afraid. We are due to leave on another maneuver similar to the last one. Due to where we go, what we take, and the nature of the maneuver it is hard to tell whether we will

return from the problem or not. Of course you know they don't tell us anything which might hint to what we are actually going to do.

It is too bad about the pictures you took while I was home. Oh Well! you didn't want my ugly mug anyway.

There isn't much doing here. It is quite warm although we have a little relief once in a while with some rain.

I'm ^{so} behind in my correspondence that I'm ashamed of myself. As a matter of fact you and the folks are the only ones I write to. In order to catch up I will have to cut down on the length of my letters. Just say "hello", "I'm all right", and "good-bye". There is hardly anything to write about anyway.

How are you girls and the apartment getting along? You haven't given the apartment up yet have you? Sorry to know that the boys have gone. I'm sure you won't have too much trouble finding some other nice boys, just as "Cam-happy"

Yes, I saw 'Jungle Book'. At least I started to see it. This was just after I returned from furlough. We had played ball in the afternoon, I guess I must have overdid it, because about twenty minutes after the feature had started I passed out dead away. The boys that were with me carried me out and, felt quite foolish. It must have been the heat for it was quite hot in the place. That makes the second time I pass out in my life without being hit. I guess I wasn't quite as strong as I thought I was.

I'm all right now though. My side seems to be completely healed, it only bothers me a little on long hikes. I'm playing ball (that is whenever we have time) running around as much as I ever did. I feel swell.

As a matter of fact I have never felt better. Not a care in the world. The folks back again, which was my biggest problem and worry. You seem to be doing all right! So I really have nothing at all to worry about. My digestive system

is best ever. So physically I feel very good.

Concerning Carrie, that seems to be the only thing you can do. She is too young to be wandering around by herself. Try to talk her out of the idea. Advise her as best you know how. She should at least wait until she graduates. It will be quite a problem to try to dissuade her. I'll write to her and give her a little of what I think of the notion. I really can't do much good though. I'm afraid it is your problem and you have the most power to do anything about it.

Don't worry yourself sick about it though. Everything will turn out for the best. Do what you can and let nature take its course. If it works alright, if not pray and hope it all turns out alright. Don't let it interfere too much with your sleep and your own life. Do your best, that is all anyone can do.

Closing now wishing you lots
of luck.
Your brother
Pilo.