

Fort Bragg, N.C.
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Jo.
If I recall correctly it has been well over two weeks since I've heard from you. Of course I'm not worried or anything, but I would like to hear from you.

We returned yesterday from the latest maneuver. It turned out to be the hardest one yet. We were aboard a large ship, which originally was a luxury liner of the President Van Buren Lines. There were still traces of the luxuries, but only in the officer's quarters. Our quarters were more like that of rats. It is a shame the discrimination shown between the enlisted men and officers both in the army and Navy.

Our water was rationed out to us, so that we only had water to wash or shower in, from four in the evening until seven. Three hours

for some fifteen hundred men to
shave ~~to~~ ^{and} clean up in.

I also hit K.P. again, it
turned out to be the hardest yet, we
had to feed all the men in the same
mess hall, which had no ventilation
to speak of. Hot as blazes, it was.
To give you some idea of what the
cooks, bakers and we had to put up
with. For one meal they fried 1500
pork chops and there were less than
a hundred left over. Each meal
we drank 120 gallons of coffee, the
bakers baked 300 loaves of bread, over
250 pies. From that you can get a
small idea of the amount of men on
the trip. We also carried out of the hold
each day 20 sacks of flour, ten of sugar
18 of potatoes, and hundreds of pounds of
meat all of this was used up daily.

As for the problems the same
old thing, except that this time the
boat was higher out of the water, so
it was much harder to climb in and
out of. The mosquitos and chiggers
were to plentiful, also the rain and
salt water.

I'm sending in a separate envelope a will and a paper on the insurance with the serial number, that you can refer to when, and if you write. Have you received the policy yet? If you haven't you should receive it shortly. The will is just a matter of routine.

Do you think it would be a good idea for you to have my power of attorney? ~~Do you think it would be~~ Do you think you would have an occasion to have to sign my name to any legal papers while I'm away? The only thing I can think where you would need power of attorney is for our property in Mexico. Because I own nothing else that would be of any value to you. Unless, of course you want a pair of beat up skates or baseball shoes, and for that you wouldn't need to sign any papers to get them. I think it would be a good idea for you to have my power of attorney, so in case anything comes up you can take care of it without a lot of red tape. Of course this is just in my absence for in event of my

passing away the mills, will take care of it.

Don't be frightened by this action we aren't going anywhere yet. It is just something I think should be taken care of before I put it off any longer. ~~We are~~ Let me know what you think of it, and I will take care of it at once.

We are headed for six weeks of maneuvers (land maneuvers) this month. Fifteen day furloughs are starting again this month at the head of the list again. The first bunch leave Monday. Fifteen per ^(about 30 now) cent of the company can be away at one time. Of course furloughs will be suspended while we are away on maneuvers. My turn should come in the last part of Sept. or ~~so~~ in October. I hope it is in Oct., for I'd like to be home during skating season.

Now about the allotment. When my case is investigated I want you to say that I was sending

money to you on my own. You don't have to say you were totally dependant on me but you should tell them I was helping you out, (which I should have done). This way you have a chance, a good chance, of you recieving money from the Gov. ontop of what I send.

As far as I can understand it, you will recieve the whole thing in a lump sum on Nov. 1. That is you will recieve the combined payments from July 1 to Nov. 1 in one lump sum. However it is also said that you might get part payments each month. I haven't been able to find out definitely about this. If you do recieve these part payments I want you to keep it in your account, if you have one, so that you can send part of it to me in event of a furlough.

Jo. I would also like for you to use any amount of the money whenever either you, or the the folks need any part of it. I want

you to use it at any time without asking my permission. I want you to do this.

Concerning the dependancy allotment when investigated use your own discretion. For you know your income and financial standing better than I do. If it is ~~a~~ approved you will receive fifteen dollars a month from the government. This should help out some.

I haven't heard from the folks almost as long I haven't heard from you. Did you receive my letter mailed from the boat? Was it censored?

I hear from Barrie oftener than I do from you. You are slipping

The blots you see on the paper are caused by perspiration. As much as I try I can't keep it off my brow, and now and then a drop will get on the paper. It is awfully hot so overlook ~~it~~ the blots

We will soon have an outdoor dance floor and skating rink. They are putting the finishing touches on it now.

I understand that almost everyone is getting married at home. You don't suppose the war and draft have something to do with it.

Johnny and Lloyd are soon to be called. There is a chance they might get deferred though.

That seems to cover almost everything so I'll quit. How about writing a letter now and then? Do you hear from Harry ? Do you know where he is located?

The more I see of the Navy the more I wish I had enlisted when I wanted to. I'm fed up with the Army.

Incidentally the only thing about this last trip, we liked, was the food, it was excellent. The pastry was delicious, ~~and~~ we had some twice a day. The Navy cooks are really all right.

That is all for now.

Write soon

your brother
Pete.