



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

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Dearest Folks

Merry Christmas to you
from New York!!

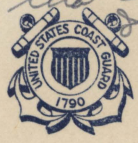
It looks as if Gene and I
will not be able to get together
this Christmas. It seems
as if he can not get away, and
it is impossible for me to
get outside of 50 miles from N.Y.C.

But I shall have a wonderful
Christmas just the same. I
certainly am thankful for
the memories of Christmas's
past. My thoughts shall
be even more closer to you
this week end as our family is
some what spread out.

Mother's letter brought back
memories of our Christmas
Party last year. It was a
lot of milk wasn't it.

Merry Christmas


P. S. So far I have managed to stay well.
Our rooms are always so warm so we don't
have to worry about that.



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The tree has not come yet but it
will probably be here either tomorrow
or the next day. It certainly will
mean a lot, not only to me but also to
the other fellows on our deck. Here is
a surprise. ~~Last~~ Yesterday (Saturday)
I went out and just looked at Christmas
trees - an ordinary short needled fir tree
about 8 feet high sells for \$25.00. And
a blue spruce about 8 or 9 ft high
was \$42.50. Isn't that awful! No
wonder they do not decorate around N.Y.C.

The \$5 dollar is for the money.

School is coming along rapidly. And so
far I am doing all right. I am in the
upper 25% and if I keep it up I shall
get a Good Rate (Radio Tech 3rd Class)
which is equivalent to a  in
the army. I hope I make
it alright. The work certainly is
enormous interesting and I am glad that I
had the opportunity to come here.



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on the Ft arden

P.S. would you send my camera please??
Jim



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I certainly went to a nice church service this morning. My roommate, Judd, and I started out for Schears church but we couldn't manage to find it so we headed back for Christ church which was only about 5 blocks away. We passed the Central Presbyterian church and went in. To my pleasant surprise the entire altar was covered with fir trees all around the inside of the sanctuary were wreaths. It certainly made me feel at home. I can't hardly believe that it was by accident that we went into the church. The minister's name was Speers and he was very good. He gave an excellent Christmas service and sermon. The room wasn't full but there was a good crowd there. The choir even sounded good. All in all I had a good Christmas Sunday. After church I came back to the hotel here and had Post Beef - potatoes, peas, carrots, ice cream & milk. Then I caught up on some much needed sleep. It is getting late so I must get to bed some more

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Jim