



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Dearest Folks,

Wouldn't it be swell if we could all get together around the fireplace tonight after church and have a cup of tea and some toast? I am glad for the time that we did spend doing that thing. Soon we shall do them again I hope.

Winter is beginning to come to N.Y.C. I can feel it in the air. Today I went out with out my Peabot and "fogg" It really got cold (about 23 degrees)

This A.M. My room mate and I and also a fellow in the room next to us awoke at about 5:30 and after eating a breakfast of ham and 2 eggs (Serving side up) plus a pint of milk, some corn flakes and two pieces of toast, we struck out for First Church. It ^{is} only about 8 blocks away from the hotel ~~so~~ (we got there too early) and we but we didn't know just how far it was so the result was that we got there about 45 min. too early. Since Central Park is only three blocks from the church we went there and walked round to spend

some time. The "mums" are about over their
blossoming but there was enough ~~real~~ beauty left
in them to appreciate them. After walking around
we heard ^{about} Christ's church and attended services there.
Richard would really get a kick out of seeing the ushers
there - Spats - grey gloves, p.A. coats and
grey neck ties. Also the choir wore maroon
robes and maroon Cardinal hats. The
sanctuary is very small but it is beautiful. I
think that they are still building
the church for the right wing of the sanctuary
was not completed. They had a group of
new members who joined the church (about 25)
a good part of them were younger people in their
twenties or so.

Next Sunday I am planning to go the dinner
they have each Sunday after the service.
Dr. Sockman's sermon was good and not
too long. I was somewhat disappointed in
the choir however. They only had about 20
voices. I haven't yet heard the music that
we have back there on Sunday night. Even
from the Metropolitan Opera people
who was supposed to be in the choir. I
am glad that I had the chance
to go. I found it more friendly than
Riverside, but I guess with Riverside does not
have to be a friendly church.



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yes mom, I got the packages, Thanks a lot. none of the feller here had ever heard of pinon nuts before. It was a good treat for them. Boy we have been really eating here in the room lately. My room mates birth day was last sunday. His folks run a grocery store in Battle Creek Mich. and they sent a Cake (chocolate) tinspies plus a box of fruit. then with your cookies and candy things really went swell. Of course I got a quart of milk and that helped. Thursday night we had a sister party here. Some of the feller came in and we about devoured the above. (Food I mean). I will have to tell you about one of the feller who came. His name is Charley Burnett. He is from Texas. About the only way to describe him is to say that he is big, ugly and awkward, but a swell guy. He is always laughing or smiling and keeping every one going. He said "tell your Mother that Charley sure likes ~~you~~ cookin." the first time I saw him he told me. "I was up in heaven and God came around and said "Charley pack your gear and get down to earth. There is too much intelligence there and they need a good ignorant fella like you to sorta spread ~~more~~ ignorance around." It is somewhat

of a strange philosophy.

School is proceeding rapidly. And also getting more interesting. Soon we are now building 5 tube receivers. I hope that they will work.

It was strange out in the service this A.M. the prayer (By the assistant Pastor, Dr. Sockman only gave the Prayer of Dedication) didn't contain any think about Service people, Our fore or the Chaplains and the Missionaries. I am sure that those who read "Mountain Music" are glad that every Sunday a prayer goes up for them. I know that I am. As one of the fellows here said the other day "It is one of the greatest of inventions".

I sent a package to you Rich. what it contains was purchased at the worlds largest Department store. Wanamakers in Philadelphia. About 6 blocks from the Liberty bell. I hope you like it.

It is getting hard to keep my eyes open as I had better get some sleep. I am thankful for this visit with you - I am getting to realize more and more that only thru god are such things as fellowship and getting together like this possible

Good Night

Jim