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Dearest Folks,

My week this week has gone fast. So much has happened that I don't know where to begin.

I think I will begin ^{with} to day - Sunday. Before I start I should tell you that I got a new room mate. The other left. (I am glad in some ways) the new fella is really swell. He is from Battle Creek, Mich. - and a Methodist. His dad is a member of (the President) the Battle Creek Giddion Chapel. His name is Judson Patta. Anyway he and I got up at 8:30, and had chow here befor leaving for church. The Sunday morning chow is really good here. This A.M. we had two fried eggs (more of any thing it wanted) ham, breakfast food, milk to drink, apple sand and musk melon. After chow we got on the subway (about 2 blocks from the ~~Hotel~~ Hotel) and after shuttling a while got out to 121st and Broadway. From there we walked over to the Riverside Church.

It is really a Beautiful Church. Both inside and out. It was lucky that we arrived early (10:30) because it immediately started filling up. All during the service and even before I kept thinking of you folks and armistice Sundays of the past. I also wondered where Dad spent armistice Sunday 25 years ago. Dr. Fosdick baptised three children. There was also a reception of members, about 25 I think. His sermon reminded me of some of Dad's. It wasn't very long but it certainly was to the point, and very practical. I certainly am thankful that I had the opportunity to go. It was a fine experience.

In the afternoon I (I should say we) went down to the Statue of Liberty. We took the ferry across to Bedloze Island. Passing Ellis Island on the way. I walked or should say climbed up to the top of the head and looked out of the windows in her crown. As I looked toward sea I saw a enormous convoy moving into the harbor. Again I thought of what Dad said when he saw "the statue when he was coming back. "If you ever want to see me again you will have to turn around!"

From the statue we went up to Wall Street and saw The House of Morgan



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From the House of Morgan we went to Trinity Church. By then it was getting on towards 6:00 so we headed back. I was thankful for a beautiful day well spent in New York.

I wrote Gene a letter - I hope that he'll hear soon so that we can get together.

Oh yes. Saturday aft. we were walking down 5th ave. and there was a place where you can send a record of your voice home for free. I didn't hear it so tell me how it is. I didn't know ~~to~~ what to say so I just jumbled on.

Now about school. Here goes. We get up at 6:30. Chow at 07:00 leave the hotel at 8:00 march about $\frac{1}{4}$ a mile to the Subway. We ride via the Subway for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and then get off. These subways are really marvelous, they get you there much quicker than any surface transportation could. We walk about 4 blocks to school from the Sub.

The school is a old public school. It now has classes in "Defense Trades" sponsored by the Government for the Public.

we have 4 hours of Shop in the A.M.
then chow (served at school) followed
by 1 hour of math - 1 hour of Mechanical
Drawing, and then 2 hours of theory.
By then it is 5:30 and we march and
ride back to the hotel. We have evening
chow at 6:30 - tonight I had, beef-
mashed potatoes, soup, apple sauce, rye bread,
and a pint and a half of milk. The food
here is really good.

We then have from 7:00 until 11:00
for studying and etc.

I can hardly believe that the
set up here is what it is. Really O.K. It is
like living over again.

I forgot to mention in my last letter
man, but will you send that stuff on now.
I will appreciate it.

I had better quit now and get
my sleep before school tomorrow.

I certainly am thankful for today
and what it has meant to me. I hope
that you have had a nice day.

Love
Jim