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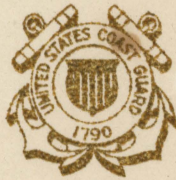
Dearest Folks,

Mother's letter just arrived, and I am worried to hear that my letters have not arrived. I hope that they reach you soon. I wrote one a week ago Sunday - one Thursday and another Sunday. If they still have not arrived by the time you get this please inform me and I shall try and ~~revisit~~ review the past week and a half.

Thank you very much for the Bulliten mon - It certainly was swell to receive it. I certainly envy you and the arpin leaves. I certainly do miss them.

Yes Mom, I remember a year ago. And you know when I think of it I never ~~do~~ am reminded of the tight shoes. In thing like that one isn't really conscious of any personal inconveniences.

Hey Rich so you have a job - that's swell. as soon as you learn the trade come on out because they need shoe makers here on the "rocks" (KaKa) Speaking of shoes will you have mine



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fixed up (the black ones) (soles & heels) and send them out. I am able to wear them now. I would appreciate it.

I know that Ruth would take care of Rich & Bob OK. She is a good gal and we are all proud of her (I think Bob is too)

I can ~~just~~ just smell the tomatoes cooking as I come home from school.

I guess that I was never much help when canning time came. Altho I did pit some cherrys once.

Speaking of fruit (tomatoes a fruit!!) last Sunday they had all the fellas who wanted to pick fruit go 50 miles north of here and work. I didn't go and I am glad for the most any of them made was \$2.50. It seems like it was another big U.S.O. fling - Dad knows what I mean. a bunch of cheap girls (Eric's has its share) who make it a patriotic excuse to get a man -

after our first ~~to~~ liberty one really gets to be able to appreciate this place. I even enjoy the routine



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there are a lot of fellas here who take the Boot Camp too seriously by that I mean that they want to fight back when it gets tough for them. I am glad that my back ground has put me straight as to that.

Dad do you remember a Simpson boy who went to Lincoln and also to Asberry Church? I went in at League Sunday night in Oakland M. Church. I remember him from E. Heights. he said he remembered your morning watch messages. Church Sunday night was a let down from the Communion of the morning. the speaker talked a lot and didn't say much except that we should not have a league of nations. then there was an hour of questions and answers. I did enjoy meet meeting ~~to~~ some of the young people that ~~remembered~~ remembered Gene. tho.

I better quit and go to chow. I hope that my letters have reached you when this comes

Love Jim
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P.S. I can't think of anything I need -
but if you need something that I
can get I will send it. For instance
we can get Emergene at the counter
can you get it there?
Jim