



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Dearest Folks,

It is Monday and Easter 1944 has passed. I imagine dad and mother are all resting up now after a strenuous week. I am sure you had a wonderful Easter, and I am anxious to hear about it.

I too had a wonderful day, altho it did not start out so good. I got up at 5:00 and got the radio (at the Shook's) all set on a Columbia station. I waited and waited - at 3:30 some dance band played - at 6:00 they broadcast the game from the Hollywood bowl and so on all the time I kept trying to find it on the radio and I even called up the station to find out what the trouble was, but they said that they were not scheduled to carry it. Boy I sure am disappointed for it was something I had been looking forward to for so long and then I didn't hear it. When you write be sure and tell me how it came out. I bet that it was certainly fine, and altho I did not hear it I was with you in spirit just the same.

I then took a bath - ate breakfast - yes I had scrambled eggs and dried ham and also hot cross buns. I thought of the breakfast then



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and also of the one last year. After breakfast I went down to parkside for the first service. I was really good. They had the church decorated up fine with titles all in front. The choir had new robes and it really sang well to. The minister gave a very good service and there was a capacity crowd there. Between the two services they had over 400 which is really remarkable I think. I left directly after the first service and went up to the shooken house. I immediately put a call in for home but after 2 hours it did not go thru and the operator said that there was a 6 hour delay. About 12:30 the shooken came home and also a chaplain (friend of Gene's from Va) and we all had a wonderful meal of fried chicken, potato beans, corn, peas, ice cream. The shooken certainly have been fine to me, they are such fine people. I spent the afternoon just being lazy and about 6:00 I went down to the church to help them get ready for their evening service. They (the young people) put on a play "The Half of my Goods" and they really did a good job of it. It is a good



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play - I enjoyed and got a great deal from it. By the time we got strightened around after church it was 1030 so they asked me to stay at their house last night. if I had not it probably would have been around 1:00 or so by the time I got back so I was glad to stay.

I am very anxious to hear all about your day. I certainly missed being there and being with you.

I went again out to see Grandma but she (or anyone) was not there. I hope I can see them before they leave. I must stop now for it is late and I am tired - I shall write again soon - until then
lots of love

Jim

P.S. how do you like my new stationery - ? pretty classy huh -

Say Ruth I saw two old station boys today - Bill Morgan and Bob Coons they both asked about you and said to "tell that peppy sister of yours hello - "hello"

Jim