



17 August 1944

Dear Dad,

I answered your "letter" once but I received it back again because of lack of postage, so I decided to rewrite it.

In the first place Dad I am all for it, and I agree with you in every thing you said. I do feel that the west coast is the place for us, especially the north west. Every since I was on the official board I had felt the friction that some of the members had tried to cause you and then ~~when~~ while I was working at Waymire I felt it there also. Mr Waymire use to tell me about some of the men coming in and trying to get him to agree on certain things, but he would laugh at them usually some in a while he would become disgusted with them. He once told me that if you weren't there he would probably go to one of the other churches.

I would rather go to school some where on the west coast, I think Bob would too.

Other wise I am all for the move Dad. In case the move does come up I want you to take the

money I have in my account and use it on the move. It would do a lot more good in that than anything I could do with it.

There ~~has~~ has been something else that I have wanted to talk over with you for the last couple weeks, it concerns the duty which I will probably get out of the school here. as far as we know most of our class will get duty out side of the U.S. Most of the stations in the alutians and the North Atlantic chain have been replaced with new men from the last class as we will not go there. other words we will most likely go into the pacific some where, on a new type of unit. this type of unit forms in Maryland where we get more experience with the gear then we will probably go south into Florida and practice under conditions similar to those we should encounter when we get out. this is all secret gear so not much can be told about it. I can say tho if we do go out on one of these units our gear will be mobile. By that I mean it is mounted in large trucks and we go into a area stay as long as necessary then move on. As I say tho nothing is for sure as yet as things may change. Even if I did go on a mobile unit I wouldnt leave the

states for probably 6 or 8 weeks if that soon.
This year is great dad - it makes me proud to
think that someone in the U.S. was smart
enough to invent it. It gives anyone attached
to it a chance to serve in a good way. As I
say tho nothing is definite so I don't think
there should be much said about it. You are
the only one who knows about it and until
some thing definite does come up I shall keep quiet
about it.

I am glad you confided in me on the
move matter, any thing you do dad I will always
back it up 100%. Any interests interests that
I might have in C.S. is certainly nothing to stop me from
being in favor of the move. For I have gotten to
realize that distance does not separate people really.
Some times in most cases it makes them more oppres-
sive of each other. I certainly ^{was} ~~was~~ proud of
Janice when I was home. While I have been in I have
seen so many ~~the~~ girls who are cheap and degrading, then
when I was home I realized anew how good and fine
she was. I imagine there are a lot of girls like that
still, some times tho I lose faith in some some of
the women I see. It has been wonderful to write
to her and receive letters from her. We have made
quite a few plans - but right now we ~~are~~ are both
young and the war won't last to long.

I must stop now dad it has been great to talk
with you - I shall write again soon - your son
Jim