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Dearest Folks,

It is now Sunday evening and soon most of the fellows will be coming back from liberty, but now it is quiet here in the Barracks and I like it.

It certainly was good to talk with all of you again this afternoon. Mother you asked if there was any thing that I wanted - if you are baking in the next few days I would like some

more of those cookies <sup>the</sup> you sent recently. They were  
really appreciated. I am looking forward to 2 weeks  
from now I hope that Audrey shall be there,  
for it has been over two years since I have  
seen her last, or talked with her.

This last week has been quite busy  
as far as school has gone. Friday we had our  
weekly test (weekly test) I got my average for  
the course so far - it is 81%. That is a  
combination of all the grade - lab. theory and theory.

I was planning on staying here at the  
base this week end and get some clothes washed  
plus catching up on some well needed sleep.  
But Saturday morning as I was cleaning up part  
of the barracks, the Y.M.A. told me there was  
a phone call for me. It turned out to be  
Bud and he had the weekend off. It was 0700  
and my liberty would not start until 1230 so  
he came down here, and went on in New London  
at 1300. Neither one of us wanted to stay in  
N.L. so we decided to go to Hartford and see the  
big insurance town. We caught the bus at 1400  
and were in Hartford by 1610. The first thing  
we did was to get a room at the Y.M.A. for the  
night then we strolled out. The town really does  
not have much many interesting places to see and

we had seen them <sup>the</sup> by 1900. they  
do have an interesting museum there  
and we spent most of our time there.  
it was given to Hartford by J. P. Morgan.

then we had supper and went to  
see "Dragon Seed" Pearl Buck's story of  
China. it went to bad. After the  
show we hit the sack early - Boy was  
at least 98° all afternoon. never here  
I slept at night like that. I mean  
it was so hot I couldn't sleep, just roll  
around and try to get comfortable.

this morning we got up and after  
some corn flakes at a near by restaurant  
we walked out to the 1st Methodist  
church. In some ways the church  
reminded me of home - by that I mean in



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some of the things that happened there. For instance before the service one of the ladies was at the altar arranging some nice summer flowers. While she was there the organist was practicing the prelude. And then none of the ushers arrived until about 1055.

The service was good and I imagine it was a typical <sup>summer</sup> Sunday congregation for most churches. There were about 75 or 80 out, filling the church about  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$  full.

I am glad that the news from home there is good. I bet it is really

interesting with the baby there... I  
wish I could be there to share the joy  
she must bring to all of you.

I must stop now for it is late  
and the weekend has made me tired -  
may God watch over you this night and  
be with you thru the week -

Love  
Jim

P.S. say Rich, I hear you like the  
ham made - pretty good huh. have you  
learned how to check in it with out  
falling out yet?

Jim