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Dearest Folks,

Sunday eve, Jan 23, and I have only two more week ends in N.Y.C. It certainly is a good feeling to know that I am almost finished with the course. We are now trouble shooting our meiners sets. By next week we will be on transmitters. Also we have our final next week. I hope I do O.K. in it. This has been a good week for me. Receiving letters from Mom, Audrey, and Dad, and also the "Mountain Music" which was better than ever, really made me feel swell. School has been going a little rough lately and when I come back and find such swell letters it really helps a lot.

It has been comparatively warm here the last week. I went out on liberty yesterday & today with out my Pea coat. Altho winter is not over yet, it seems that I can smell Spring here. The days are already getting longer, and I even noticed some



green grass on the way home from Church
this morning.

Saturday morning after inspection I washed
some clothes, and then in the afternoon I
selpt. it sure felt good.

this morning I went again to Christ Church.
Dr. Sockman wasn't there so the assistant pastor
gave the sermon. Boy I guess I sure am spoiled
on good preaching. The fellow at Christ Church
wasn't so good. He tried to imitate Dr. Sockman
in his style and he didn't do so well. I wish
that more preachers would act more natural
and less theological.

Right now I have a $\frac{2}{3}$ empty milk carton
and about only 2 cookies (that Audrey sent to me)
left. Boy the cookies are good - gum drop they
go swell with the milk.

I signed up the first of the year for
war bond allotment. They should be coming
in quite soon now.

Hey Barb it will soon be your birthday won't it.
You are certainly getting to be quite the young lady.
I bet you were really proud of the family as they
sat watching you in the opera. I know we
are all proud of you. I bet Richard even
put on a clean shirt (maybe the blue one



that I gave him) and really dressed up for the big occasion.

I remember the day we had our ninth grade program at Mason Lee. I had just ~~got~~ gotten a new sports coat (the blue one) and also some shoes. Boy I thought I was really dressed up for once. It will be good to get into some "civies" again.

I wonder if by this gets to you whether we will be grand parents, uncles, ~~sons~~ aunts. I think I am about as excited about it as the others are. I have a suspicion that it will be a boy. Say Rich I bet you a milk shake that it will be a boy.

I got a little something for B.D. for her winter day. I hope it arrives there O.K. it should be there by the end of the week.

I must close now - I hope you have had as good a day this Sunday as I have. I am sure you did.

lots of love
Jim