



January 3, 1943

Dearest Folks,

It is snowing in N.Y.C. Large white flakes that drift down slowly. I really like it, it sure makes me feel good. This has been a good week as far as mail goes. Letters came from Mom, Dad, Audrey, Sally, Whaley, Barbara, and Ruth. Now I am trying to catch up a bit on those that I owe you.

School is getting harder all the time but also more interesting. Because of that the time goes along quite fast. It was fun walking (not marching) thru the snow coming home this eve.

My week end was spent quite quietly here.

Saturday night I went up to the top of the Empire State Building and saw N.Y.C. at night. I spent New Year's eve in bed. The fellows said I should have gone down to Times Square but I can see the same crowd any Sat. night. We had been playing foot ball in the street at school and I strained my ~~to~~ back so the sleep really made me feel ok. I feel swell know.

Saturday I got a letter from R.P. Todd, she is here in N.Y.C. now for a while. I could not

get ~~her~~ in touch with her until this
A.M. I hope we can get together this
Wednesday eve. It was swell to talk with
her this A.M.

Sunday I went again to the presbyterian
church, after again trying to find Mr. Schar's
church. I think next Sunday I will try and
find Buttrick's church. I am glad I went to the
Presb. church for it was again very friendly. There
wasn't too large of a crowd but the service was
nice and I am glad I went. After church I came
back to the hotel and at chow. While eating I
met three fellows who were in Co. 981 and in my
platoon in Boot camp. ^(one of the fellows went out ~~there~~ from ~~power~~ with us.) It was good to see them. We
came up to my room and "shot the breeze" for a couple
hours. They went to New Orleans (with D. Krets)
and are now here going to Water Tenders school.
I then had evening chow - studied took a shower and
started to write this letter but felt so tired I "hit the
sack" about 8:00.

Ruth's letter contained "the news" boy was
I surprised. If it is possible for us all to be together
next Christmas what a family it will be! It is
really something to look forward to.

Hey Rich I am glad you quit at the S. S. store.
now you can really master that trombone -



you had better be able to play some thing real good
for me when I come home. what say you
write and tell me about your christmas. Did you
give Dusty anything? I bet he is realy a swell
dog now. He always was.

Barb's news paper was realy good. You are
a good editor in chief, Barb. I would like to
be there & take you to school every morning in the
ole "T" I doubt if I would be so grumpy
about it now. Say if any of my sweaters fit you
you can wear them. But be sure and not wear
them out. -Ha.

Boy - only 6 more weeks to go. It will be
real swell when they are over. we have had about 6
fellas drop out - only because they didn't like it
enough to study for it tho.

I must stop now for I have rambled around
enough. I shall write soon and you are with me
always

lots of love
Jim

Hello Grandma - it is good to have you home
again. I hope you will be there for some time -
Jim

I forgot to thank you for the tree it got here the
day before christmas. Dad & I fixed it up and put our
gifts under it. My camera also arrived ok. - thanks
Jim