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Dearest Folks,

Boy - has it been nice too today. The sky was very clear and it reminded me of a Colorado day - cold and crisp.

It certainly was wonderful to talk with you on the phone this morning. As you said the morning seems to be the best time to call. From the time I lifted the receiver until I heard Dad's voice it was just 45 seconds (I timed it) the call certainly went thru in a hurry. I hope I did not call too early, but Rich was probably reading the funnies (in his pajamas) anyway.

As I said I went to Dr. Buttrick's church this AM. There was a good crowd and he had a fine service. But I don't think that I would walk 10 blocks north and 5 blocks west to go there again. His sermon was really a philosophy and he spent 30 min. talking about death and how we should prepare for it. I think that there are many other texts that I would rather choose to start the New Year with rather than that one. He was interesting tho and I enjoyed the service. The folks



here certainly ~~is~~ aren't as friendly to
 the service men as I hoped they would be.
 First Church C.S. really has it over N.Y.C.
 when it comes to making service men feel at
 home. I never saw directly (that is as a
 service man would see it) how the people
 treated them but they always spoke to one
 or at least smiled. Only one man outside of the
 usher spoke to me this A.M. I guess people don't
 have time here to be hospitable. As Jud & I
 were going home from church this A.M. I saw
 two women coming toward us so I said "good
 morning isn't it" they didn't say anything but when
 we passed one said "hump he must be drunk". I don't
 know whether or not that is typical N.Y. - I hope
 it isn't.

after noon dinner - roast veal, and plenty of it,
 potatoes, gravy, peas, salad, corn, ice cream & milk - I
 came up to my room and lay down and slept until
 6:00. I have just completed my washing and as soon
 as I finish this I shall hang up my clothes. I
 have hooks in the four corners of it & stretch a line
 across. that way I hang them up in the eve
 and they are dry the next morning when I get up.



As mother said this A.M. I certainly do enjoy hearing from B.J. and Rich. I should have said I would enjoy. But you are probably quite busy with school and such.

Yesterday after inspection I went down to Radio City music hall and saw "Madam Curie". It was really a swell show when it comes to U.S. you folk will have to see it. The orchestra there was very good, so my Sat afternoon was spent well.

I am enclosing some photos I have taken since my camera has come. There certainly isn't a shortage of ~~photo~~ film here. I bought 3 more rolls yesterday for ~~dark~~ I shall send them soon.

I must really close now and study some theory - then hang my clothes up. I shall write again soon, & will leave you in his care

lots of love
Jim