



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

"En Route"

July 1944

Dearest Folks,

July 4th and it is hot. Our train
the "Challenger" is about half way there now.
I will be glad when it is all the way thru this
state.

Sunday after I called I took a shower and
cleaned up in general. Then went out to park
side to church, had dinner there and also washed
up all my dirty clothes. I had to be back at the
barracks by 1800 so I took my wet clothes and
shaved off. As soon as I got back I hung up my
clothes and hit the sack, but was tired.

My but it was great to talk with all of you
again. How I wish that I could stop over for
a few days, but the C.G. feels differently about
it. Congratulations Ruth - how I wish I could
be there to see her and its proud mother.
What are you going to name it? Please write and
tell me, will you?

Monday I finished taking my physical
and at 1720 we showed off. After taking my gear
to the station we had off till 1945 so I went
up town and saw "Dr. Wassel" a movie. It was
good I thought altho it is another war picture.
But it is different than most of them.



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Our train left the pier at 2000, and I was
in the sack by 2130.

July 4th my bet we have spent this day
in many different ways. Last year you folks were
away somewhere. I wonder what you are doing now.
whether you are up in the hills somewhere or
whether you are spending the day there at home,
where ever you are I wish I were there. I also wonder
where the rest of our family is now. Bob - Gene
Bob H. and the rest.

Our School starts July 10th and is for
8 weeks. if all goes well I should graduate by
the 10th of September. It is a permanent move
which means that I will either stay in that
district or get sent out from there. up till now
they are giving leaves out of school. I hope it
keeps up, but after the last school I was not
making any plans - just hoping.

I must sign off now - but will write
more later love to you all and my dad watch
over you as he does up all
love
Jim