



6 May 1944
"D" Day

Dearest Mother,

It is Tuesday evening and I have completed a half day work.

The train trip across was uneventful, but even the less interesting. My how did enjoy that lunch room. It was wonderful. Also about 6 other fellows enjoyed parts of it also. Thanks for them to. Every thing was swell. and it certainly was appreciated.

I arrived here in S.F. just 10 minutes late of schedule - pretty good, no. And came immediately out here to the shores. No one was home so I came in any way! I unpacked and then went out in back stretched ~~some~~ blankets out and went to sleep in the sun. I slept for about 2 hours, and after cleaning up I went down town to see if I could find Ruth some baby towels - no luck tho so I came back and when I arrived Mrs. Shook was here. I ate here last night and after dishes got to bed. They seemed glad to have me back and am glad I am going to stay with them for a while.

I got up this A.M. at 0830 and after breakfast I went to work. I wasn't due until 1200 but got there around 1000. I worked around the shop till noon then went out on a job on the Lophus. By the way - remember

that navy ship with 1000 men that went down
and I said I probably had worked on some of the
ships that helped the men off - well the
Lophue was the first ship to arrive at the
scene and she alone took 300 men off and
brought them into S.F. the Coast Guard alone
was responsible for saving about 800 of the 1000.
I think that that is quite good - don't you?
now here is the news. when I got back
from the job. one of my bosses said Jim how
would you like to go to school. I said is it
Radar - he said no and told me what it was.
I can not mention the name. but it is much
more advanced than Radar, and is quite secret. I
asked if I could think it over and he said yes -
now while I am waiting for a call to you to go
then I am writing this. You may wonder
why I am interested in this and why I
didn't go to Radar school. well I think that this
will be a better field and also there are not
nearly as many men in it. I hope the call
comes thus OK so I can get your opinion
on it.

well now - I just talked to you on the phone,
and I got an idea on how you felt about it. I think
that I shall plan on going. It will be a good opportunity
and one which I should not pass over to lightly.
I shall quit for now - but will let you
know when some thing definite turns up -
Lots of love
Jim