

16 April 1953
"Thursday"

Dear Mom and Dad,

Am doing fine and have two more weeks to go. Have gained a pound too. Dr. Suter is pleased with how my teeth fit over one another. He doesn't know if he can save the last tooth that I knocked loose and if it bothers me they are going to give me more penicillin. He doesn't want to pull the tooth for it is helping the fracture to heal. Boy that is one dentist I like.

Received a letter from Aunt Anna and one from Henry. I have little Mike's picture on the dresser and everyone who comes in to see me asks whose baby it is and I proudly state, "he's my nephew."

When Aunt Anna comes down it won't bother me at all. In fact no one will. It was just how Rosie thinks and also her girlfriends and I don't especially care for her type of friends. If they should ever come down here again, God forbid, they won't faze me the least now.

I knew Sheila had another boy and she named him Joseph Jr. She wrote me when she was in the hospital and also when she got home and put the two letters in the same envelope. Sheila's sister is expecting another baby in July

2. and they all hope it's a boy.

Janet bought me a pair of slippers. She has gotten too attached to me. I'm going to bring her home with me some weekend.

There is a girl who went through boot camp with me that is getting a new car. Her parents are buying it and she is going to pay them back. She is from Long N.Y. and she wants me to go with her when she goes home to help her to drive.

The fellow, Jim Pullman, has a car now and goes home twice a month. He's the one we tried to find who lived near the Todd factory. His wife is living down here now. So when I take my leave I can ride home with him but I'll probably have to come back by train.

The fellows I work with and some of the fellows I've met that come into the club have been up to visit me. They all kid me and say that they don't believe I fell out of my bunk. They watch me when I drink my milk shakes and forever ask me if I have my clippers with me. When I'm in the hospital the clippers ~~are~~ are pinned on me all the time. In case I get sick to my stomach I was showed how to cut the wires for if I didn't clip them they say I would strangle. Pleasant thought.

Isn't it?

Dr. Sutor has gone home on two weeks leave so Dr. Hook is examining my teeth now. The Dr. said that when he comes back he will take the wires out. This week has gone by fast, and I hope the next two do too.

There were two nurses here the other day in foreign looking uniforms. I found out they were Danish nurses. I'm glad I'm here now for I am getting a good rest. I've always wondered why an accident like that had to happen to me. But I found out I was on my way to a nervous breakdown, and that was due to the club. There are so many clicks up there and I refuse to be in any and I told them I was an independent little snot. I found out from ^{Mr.} Boas, when he came to see me, that they have cleaned up the trouble there that I have been complaining about. Boy am I glad!

Last night I went up to the club and I met some fellows from Rochester. So we all had a great conversation about the schools we attended and the jobs we had. There was one who worked in Bauach & Lamb when I did but a couple of floors above me and we never saw one another. He even saw the Balco Review. Boy this base is full of fellows from Rochester. Did Henry show you the note I put in

thhis letter for you? It was what Aunt Anna said.

Well I guess I'll close now and go and set this girl's hair in the other room. I've been setting more peoples hair since I've been there. I should set up business here.

Before I forget. About the first week in May I'm going to send a money order for \$65. Fifteen of it is for my insurance. I've heard that I can carry the ten thousand dollar insurance that the Navy issues us, over into civilian life when I get out. I hope so.

One of the Marines on the gate was going home a couple of days ago and ran into the back of a parked truck. I believe it was one that hauled cars. His whole car practically went underneath it ~~that~~ and he hit it with such force that his seat went back like a bed and the steering wheel was lying beside him on the right. It's a good thing he died instantly for they didn't notice the accident for a half hour. The fellow just came back from Korea and was here for a month.

I wrote a book didn't I? Well I'll say bye for now.

Love and Kisses

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P.S. Give my love to James

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