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Dear Folks,

O.K. I accept your offer. Beginning this week, I shall drop you a line every Sunday come what may. as for you, kindly do the same for we sure like to get letters like the last one.

Three thank you's are in order. First, it was nice to be remembered on our anniversary; second, your card for my birthday was a nifty; and, third, the Reader's Digest is one of finest little magazines one can read. as I look back over a quarter of a century, my folks have certainly given me some grand gifts. I tell time by their wrist watch, listen to fine reception on their Phikos, drink from aristocratic goblets by Jostovia, and read the magazines that tells the truth about the poison I smoke. you are fine, people, and I love you all.

Laura gave me a golf bag for my day. I liked the other fine, but she didn't. I have a new bag. The only objection is that it is too heavy. Although I still break a hundred, my games is far from perfection.

are you playing much this year, Dad? Golf is
much cheaper out here, and although I am not the
Chamber of Commerce, the turf is really fine. Both
winter and summer golf is played here. I failed
to do much playing last winter.

One felt rather conspicuous without a uni-
form on. I guess I'll just wait until my
uncle calls. I tried the navy for a commission.
I was going great guns until the doctor said
nix on the weight. They would have sent me
back to Harvard for a course in supply work.

Sara's brother is now a yeoman in the
Coast Guard. I live home and is stationed in
Seattle. as a yeoman with his allowances and
all, I draw about \$150.00 per month which
is more than he made teaching. He wants me
to try for a storekeeper's job second class
which would then give me something for Sara
to live on. Perhaps I will do that before I
am drafted and just as sure as Roosevelt is
president that will come. many married
fellows without children have already been
drafted out here. Of course defense workers
whether or not they know or do anything are
usually deferred. Boy, don't me started on that.
This is not a war to make the world safe
for Democracy but to make it safe for
the Defense workers.

How did Ella feel out Joe being a Johnnie
Doughboy in Ireland. That seems a safer place
to be than in Alaska right now. The dead &
wounded are pouring into Seattle every day from
the Dutch Harbor Affair. The people out there are
really afraid of some token bombings. I know
just about every transport that leaves or comes
into Seattle now. They are packed to gunwales
with soldiers and Coca-Cola. The drinking water
is not the best on board and our belly wash
goes with them. The President Polk said the
other day with two thousand cases on board; from
that estimation can be made on the number
of men on her.

In reference to the picture sent you: that
dirty line was not what you thought and
fertilizer is not needed. As you may recall,
I always had a shylock growth for a beard.
Hair grows around my mouth above and
below in copious quantities and very black,
but on the sides I am still an innocent
and smooth face, lad of sixteen. It is
rather embarrassing to show before breakfast,
and at breakfast be asked if I am
growing something. Same much for that. See!

Dad's business sure sounds good. You
and I are both glad he is not re-
cently associated with metal ~~not~~ vault makers.
It is a problem now for business men. I supp-

Dad turned in his floor mats and rubber off the
running boards to swell the scrag rubber pile. One
thing I am glad for about this drive for scraps
the fight with Japs. The slogan makes can save
fun. Last week I saw suppose it was Johnnie
get a gun to kill a Jap. Nice would is it it?

Our rent was lowered two. fifty but the
landlords have not given up the ghost yet. This
is really a wonderful apartment. I know you would
like it too. Gosh! why can't you come out this
summer? We have lots of room. Another bed
and a studio couch would accommodate you
all. But if you all can't come, why don't you
come out for a couple of weeks, mother? It
would sure be swell. Think about it. I was still
run and it's not too expensive. You have never
been out this way; and after you have seen
Mount Rainier and the flowers the beautiful
houses and Puget Sound, you will never go
back. You really have no idea.

Last fall Laura switched a leaf from
a glaucous plant at the park conservatory
and planted it. Nothing happened except the
leaf died; so she planted something else in
the plant. I imagine her surprise to see it come
up this spring and break into full bloom
June 19th. I am now looking at a very

beautiful plant. Some girl that wife of mine. I
sure never regret the day we took the bull by
the horns and said I do. Two years seem spent
on looking back, and I hope it is even thus.

Glad to hear that man about town still
has time for the neighbor job. How are you, Joe?
Have you passed algebra yet? By the way, why
don't you come out here and get a defense job.
Being water follows like you at something like
\$40.00 per week. And the Shipyards would make
you a skilled man in three months at their
expense. I am serious fellow. You could go to
school here and stay with us. We guarantee
not to lollygag in front of you.

Just opened the "Pause that Refreshes". Pardon
me while I bump.

now where was I? Oh, yes, working on the
family to leave Dad to his dirty Polaks and
fat Jews. and the hot weather and the flies.
Would you believe it, we don't have a screen
on the Department.

For the past few weeks I have had painful
reasons to think of Bonnie. That damn dentist
will kill me yet, but his nurse is sure
cute. Wonder if Bonnie's patients can say
that. By the way, how is the little pain
killer?

You never mention grand ma in your letters.
I imagine she is in Ohio by this time, is

she not?

Dorothy and Johnny sure went around you in a flash, didn't they? I thought for awhile it was going to be a stalemate but now is two up. Something like the fellow who drank seven dice-ches and bluffed seven up.

We went to Painter's over the fourth. It was sure lovely. We climbed a mountain, played in the snow, and got a sunbun all in the space of six hours. We plan to go up in two weeks and spend all night. There should be a full moon by then. Laura says it gets so intense that a paper can be easily read by its light.

Please answer often, people, and thanks for everything. I sure love you all and hope and wish that you can see you way clear to come out here. I know you will like it; and if Dad tells you it rains out here all the time, tell him it ain't so.

Good night,

Tom & Laura