

Wednesday night
October 3, 1945

Dear Mother, Dad & Daisy Lee;

I received letters from both mother and dad today, plus a card from Mary. It is very lonely coming back to this apartment, so you know that having some mail to read is especially welcomed. I suppose that by the time you receive this you will be seeing Mary and Sue. I know they will be enjoying their visits with you and the Staufferhans very much, that makes us quite a bit for my missing them so much. I am hoping to be able to catch the noon train a week from Friday. If I can, I will, and will let you know and probably ask you to meet me in Beloit - the eight something train on the Northwestern if there is still such a train.

Mary will probably tell you of how she left me - recovering from being pretty sick from the flu or something on Saturday night! By the time they left Sunday I was feeling much better but none too good. Since I have made notable recovery but can't say that I am 100% yet. It turned really cold last night - had considerable frost around here. Because of some reconversion at the Westinghouse plant,

the steam line to the office bldg. is disconnected and the office was like a refrigerator, today. I nearly froze and as a result I didn't feel too good this evening. It hasn't been warm here in the apartment either but I have the oven going and also the electric heater as I am writing this in the kitchen.

I have undertaken to repaint the breakfast set while Sue and Mary are gone. Monday night I sanded each piece, last night I painted the first coat, but tonight I decided not to do anything but write a couple of letters. The first coat of the so-called one-coat enamel doesn't look too good. I am going to try a second coat in hopes that it will work out all right and make the table look a little better than it did before.

So the railroad company is spending some of its war-earned money on some essential improvements. I am glad for a suitable headquarters will mean so much to you. I can't understand why you keep saying "we didn't have much stock today" when you always have 3 decks of bags plus cattle & calves each time you say that - and that amount of stock is enough if not more than you should be handling regularly by yourselves.

So Don is at Okinawa!

He is getting around quite a bit more than he ever expected. But now with the big bases we have most everywhere his ship could operate efficiently. He claimed that the lack of storage space aboard for provisions and supplies made it unlikely that he would ever get anywhere but bases that could make up for the ship's deficiency. Don will have a lot to tell some day and his letters should be very interesting these days.

I heard from Jerry quite recently - it must be tough to put up with the same stuff week after week and month after month. I am hoping that he will be able to get a discharge soon - a further reduction in point requirements is bound to come. I have $45\frac{1}{2}$ points towards the present required 49 in the Navy. I really expect I might get out by the 1st of the year with the anticipated point reduction. When I do get enough points the Cleveland District might try and hold me for 120 days on account of the work I'm doing, but I doubt if they can get by with that. They are supposed to be looking to the future and getting a relief for me if one is considered necessary. But all I can do is to wait and see what will happen.

I hope Daisy has heard from George again and that he has arrived at his destination. There is a (19) in my office whose ^{pre-}service experience was much like George's. He was a lawyer, tried to get a commission and couldn't and was finally drafted - late in the game, comparatively. Became a pharmacist's mate and served quite a tour as such before getting a direct commission as a (19) ^{early} this year. Now he has only a few points comparatively (35) and doesn't have any idea when he will get out even though he has three children.

Dad, I hope you got my letter about the insurance. If not, I guess you will have taken care of it anyway. I really appreciate it, too. Now I have two new general tiers on my front wheels but for some reason I have a shimmy I didn't have before so I'll have to have the wheels lined up and balanced etc.

I'll let you know about my coming next week!

Love,

George

P.S. Hope Dad got tickets and is taking in at least some of the series - that would be fine and he should just go! The Cubs sure did all right today.