

Dear folks;

Friday night

We were so glad for your letters this week! They both arrived on Wednesday. I don't know how your mother got here so fast but it did. Mary and I both talked of how nice it would be to call home on Thursday, but didn't try to make the call knowing that it wouldn't be put through with all the striking between here and home. But we were sure thinking of the Thanksgiving you had. Sure must have been a capacity table and I can just visualize how wonderful it was.

We went to Mansfield to have dinner with the Millers last evening. Had a very good chicken dinner, but of course it wasn't like being at home. Sue always has a very good time when we are at the Millers' for they have a 15 mo. old daughter to whom Sue can be very motherly.

Say that must have been a real outing and celebration for you, Gerry & Lillian and Uncle Frank and Aunt Louie! Sue sounded like fun and we are so glad that Gerry and Daisy be arranged something so nice. The weekend before that was sorta special, too wasn't it? We have thought all along that, if not all of you, at least Gerry and Lillian would be taking in tomorrow's game. I wonder if we are right? Of course the weather will have a lot to do with who goes etc. If it is anything like the weather we are having here, I don't know if anyone would be going. It started with turning very cold Wed. night, snow & sleet all day Wednesday, regular blizzard Wednesday evening and again last night so we have the ground covered with snow and the temperature is in the low 20's now. I just put in some zerome for anti freeze last Monday evening and it has been a good thing that I did it then. I suppose you have had your car protected against zero weather for weeks now. Here they say it is still early to be having real cold weather.

Mary has her regular appointment for a check-up next Monday in Cleveland. Since the buses are out on account of the barn strike there is just no way of getting to Cleveland from here other than to drive yourself. So, I've arranged some business to take care of in the Cleveland office, that in the Naval Inspector's office, and will be driving in. As long as I'm going in Mary might just as well ride with me. (Now you know I'm getting as bad as the worst of them in creating a situation that will satisfy personal requirements. Really I don't do it much - I only wish it were possible to do it more often now to enable me to really get established and set for civilian life again.)

Monday I should know just when the Commander will request my order to go to Great Lakes for my discharge. I'm going in to the main office fortified with a good looking report on the status of terminations. If I'm able to sell this one as I did a similar report about a month ago, there shouldn't be any doubt as to their releasing me early in Dec. Still can't count on getting out any before the 15th though.

I certainly don't know the answer to our future housing problem and I'm becoming very concerned. If I go to the Cleveland office of the A.S. & W. Co. we will have to find a place in Cleveland and that is tough to do. Then if we do get a place we've got our things in Monroe, Joliet & here and how to get them assembled and when is another problem. We might have to keep under our present roof more or less indefinitely but both of us would prefer not to do that if there would be any other way out. We are still planning on being home at Christmas time - we think that is one thing we can manage. Of course we'll have to battle the crowds on the train unless it turns out that we will be leaving these parts for good and will drive.

I guess there is no more news for now. - We would like Bubi's address will you send it. Love, L.M. & Sue