

Cleveland Ohio
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Dear Jack

Well this is New Year
nite already 1943 has started
again and first of all I want to
wish you a new year that sees
you home again with us for good
outside of that I don't wish for
much only that you'll come home
safe and sound for keeps
Last nite Ann Em Emily & Jean
and myself went out to Lucy &
Al's Ball payed for the drink
& food had a nice time played
cards and Lucy served Chicken
Chop suey it was very good Joe
worked but Jean played with us.
We got home about 2 o'clock
Em had to get up at 5.30 &
worked all day he was here for

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supper Lucy & Al & the kids stopped
& then Barb & the kids came
so we chased all the kids in
the basement and played cards
again till just a few minutes
ago when they all went home they
all read your letter & looked
at your pictures you sent you look
nice Jack I wish I could see you
in real life I dreamt you were
home on a furlough Wednesday
nite I hope you can come soon
Ann was waiting for a call from
Arnold Christmas day all day
& today all day but his call
didn't come thru yet it has to
come thru Chicago he wrote &
he stayed at the Club or wherever
he had to wait Christmas day and
his call did not get thru he
waited till 11:30 when the place

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closed and he had to go back he
said he went to bed & cried
he wanted to get home Christmas
even if it was only for one day but
he didn't get enough time for even
that. Uncle Frank wrote yesterday
in answer to my Christmas card
he said Albert & George were
home on furlough & that Al got
married he didn't say when or
where but he took his wife to
Turtle Lake. Marion from
Canada is coming ~~down~~ this
coming week. Mother has a bad
cold she is steamy herself
now she was in bed all last
week most of the time but she
was up today & went to church
this morning it was a bad day
to be out to, it was raining &
snowing at the same time

We had a green⁴ Christmas but
its white out now and seems
much colder, our tree is beautiful
also the Candles in the window
The only thing missing is Pa
you Jack & Bernice and that's
most everything. Mom said she
will send you those gloves ^{scarf & socks} as
soon as she gets feeling better
she wants to get them herself
What size do you want must they
be brown army collar she wants
to Thank you for the money one
10⁰⁰ & one 5⁰⁰ Mom said
if you send any more she will
save it for you when you come
home, so far she hasn't received
any from the Gov. We are glad to hear
that you get good food we have to
stand in line for meat I was
home all day Thursday with a bad cold
so at noon I went up to Fisher's
for meat I stood in line for
a whole hour before he even

asked me what I want and it took another half hour to wait on me, you cant hardly get any beef at all I got veal & some boiling beef for soup for mom with her cold & ~~was lucky~~ to get that. butter only $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb & sometimes none. but we dont care much about that just so this war gets over and you all can get home safe and sound. I burned a candle for you at Mass today go to Communion as often as you can Jack Ann is just saying she will write tomorrow to you Mom says hello to you she is so sorry she cant write and a happy new year to you from us all, well Jack Ann is waiting to say the rosary so Good night Jack from Mom Ann Billy & Marie