

AFTER 3 DAYS RETURN TO

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Hello Jack:

Well here it is only a few more days till Xmas and what do you think happened. It rained & drizzled practically all day and melted our white Xmas. I just knew it was too good to be true. They say its real slippery outside so we'll have to watch ourselves or we'll take a flop. The stores are open until 9 bells tonite so I'm going in to do a little more shopping. I have to get Billy something yet. and I dont know what to get the little shrimps. He wants toys you know and he's almost beyond that stage.

We sure were both surprised and glad to hear from you Sat. nite Jack. You sounded so close. Marie & Em went to con-

session sat out and they were having a snack. Kiichen and coffee when the phone rang. Em called upstairs saying Jack's on the phone don't get excited. Bay Ah Bay! did we pile downstairs and did mom talk to you I thought she'd never get thru. And did she enjoy that. I'm glad you got the box o.k. and also that the cookies weren't too badly broken. Yes! Jack, mom got the \$10.00 and also that allotment paper from the government. But I don't think she'll start getting the money for a while yet. We'll let you know as soon as she does. By the way did you get the Press yet? I ordered it right away and I'm just wondering.

We got our tree Sunday and it's the same kind we had last year with the long needles. We paid \$2.50 for it. Lucy

took me to get it Sun. We got it at Neal storage at 150th & Lorain ave. Al had to work Sunday all day and Lucy called up & said we should come out as Leonard has a cold again & she couldn't take him out. So Mom & I went out about 5 o'clock. and are those kids excited about Xmas. Albert's like a little pony running all over the house. Lucy said he wants to write you a letter and she ~~told him~~ that he doesn't know how and he started to cry. So she said she'll have to hold his hand and him write you a note. And by the way Jack, I forgot to bring that letter in today, the one from Joe Marguard. So Josephine will send it along with his later. I'm sorry but you know how it is in the morning. We're always in a hurry. That surely was some letter you wrote to us. We

Love from me all. Your sis. Ann Linden

got it yesterday. and it was such a nice long letter. You dont have to write especially to me. just write to mom as we all read it anyway. But I think it would be nice if you'd write to Barb Lucy + Joe once in a while. Barb told me Sunday that she wrote to you once already, thats something isn't it? I told her to get busy + write again soon. Jack will send those things to you after Xmas if its O.K. by you as we're so darn busy this week. Sat. we washed the kitchen walls and Fri the bathroom walls. and mom's been washing curtains for wks. one nite last week I ironed and hung the curtains for your and my bedroom. always something to do. Well Jack mom sends her love + she wants you to take good care of yourself. And a merry Xmas to you Jack and may you be able to come home on a furlough soon. We'd love to see you. Bye-Bye