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Dear Jack:

Mom got both of your letters today and we were glad to hear that you enjoyed the Kiicken. Mom wants to know if it was dried out. Because the mail was slow on account of Xmas.

Aunt Catharine call up today and she's feeling a little better she was asking about you and she said happy new year to you. Ma is feeling better now she's ironing & I'm writing at the kitchen table, she's telling me what to write. She said she wishes she could write to you. But I guess this will have to do. Is ^{the} press coming thru alright now? Charlie was over today & he jacked both cars up, thats a load off our minds. He also fixed the basement toilet. Wasnt that nice of him. And last week Joe fixed our washing machine. So we're all fixed up now. Joe went to the Hockey game with Braven. Marie & Em went to a movie and Billy went to the Almire. So that leaves Ma & I home alone. I dont mind tho as I have to work on inventory tomorrow and I have to get up to go to 6 o'clock mass. Ma said I

mom didn't get any money from the government as yet. But she will some day. And your pictures were swell. Send some snapshots if you can. Love Mom.

should tell you Eltony Vogt wanted to enlist and they rejected him because he has sugar in his blood. Paula was over to night and she said that Eddie was deferred until June and also both Schneider boys are still home. Ed is doing defence work now says. And do you know Ralph Lisko one of Bingham's salesmen, Ruth's brother. He has to go to the Army and has been married about 12 yrs already. So that's the way it goes. Some people get the breaks and others don't.

We went out to Huey's New Year eve. Marie, Em, Emily & Gene & I. We played pinocle and had a few drinks. We had fun tho. It was a lot better than staying home. Mom is disappointed because they're trying to make a motorcycle driver of you. She'd rather you were a machanic. Its a lot safer. She said you should be willing to learn and don't take anything they give you. Sure they'll give you a PFC rating because nobody wants that job. They wanted Arnold to drive a tank and they would have given him a rating too. But he wouldn't take it. So that must prove you have some choice. Just tell them & don't be afraid. You'll break your neck on a motorcycle. Ma says you should learn something worthwhile and study hard. If you'd take up mechanics you could use it later on. Well! Jack a Happy New Year to you from all of us. And Mom sends her love to you. Take care of yourself. Love Mom.