

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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Dear Jack:

Here I am at last. I have been writting you since Monday. But I ran out of paper. Al brought some home to nite. You cant write with-out paper. Funny how important even paper is. You guys sure are important to us. without you boys where would we be. I took the kids down town yesterday to see Santa Claus, at Harveys and while there I saw some more boys leaving for the army. It sure made me think of you and all

the rest of the young men, doing
their part in this great job.
You sure have to "hat's off to
all of you." I wish I could
take your place for a while.
Oh well I can't so, the best I
can do is pray for you. The
kids pray for Uncle Jack, every
nite so their Uncle Jack, will
come back after this is all
over. Leonard heard them
talk about the war on the
radio and he comes running
out to the kitchen and telling
me this is war time, and
asking about you. They talk
about you quite often. I do
hope you are feeling fine.
I hope your cold is better.

10:00 clock - just listened to Mr. District Attorney. He was very good. He always get a kick out of that program. I suppose you are sleeping by now. I am sorry to hear they are making you march so much. It almost seems a shame, but I suppose they have there reasons.

I went with Al Monday nite to watch him bowl, and I met a girl there who just got back from camp, something or other, she is living there, just has been married 7 mo., there are three couple living in this one house.

She said, they are getting along fine, but there is nothing like home. Home won't seem the same this year, with you gone, and Dad not here any more. Life sure does change. I hope it will all be different next Xmas, and all the boys will be home for good, and this will only be a memory. — I didn't get to finish this last note so here I am at the dentist's office, and making the most of my long wait. He sure is one busy guy. The last I heard that he was supposed to go pretty soon. But he just

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said, "that they were pretty well
booked up as far as dentists
go. He has three children and
it sure makes it a lot
harder when you have to
leave a family. I guess it
is pretty tough on you guys
too! ~~Be~~ sure marches on.

16 more days before Xmas +
I have just loads of work
yet. I'm making the girls
dresses and myself a hat.
With all the other things shopping
and all I guess that ought
to keep me out of mischief
for a while. I do hope you
will be able to come home

soon. I am dying to see you
in your uniform.

Everybody is fine around this
neck of the woods. Joe seems to
be getting better, slow but sure.
Health sure is wealth. Aunt
Catherine + Aunt Theresa are ^{is} feeling
so very well yet. We were home
Sat. nite and played cards with Mrie
+ Em. and Emily + Gene. I love to play
cards. I sure had a swell time at
your farewell party. So had the
Sarkant boy is it with you we
were all kind of weeping we could
see a picture of him. Josephine +
her boy friend are getting more
serious every day. I almost wish
she could of meet some catholic
fellow. It makes such a
difference after you are

married. I hope some day
you will find a nice catholic
girl. I guess you have to
keep on looking and praying
sometimes that helps more
than you think. Gas rationing
has finally caught up with us,
so we will have to stay home
more. ^{and} meat & milk are getting
pretty scarce. I suppose they
will be next. The war isn't
going to miss many people.

Well we will all do our
little part and maybe some
day soon it will all be over.
I don't know what they do
in Europe they only get one
good meal a day.
I am going to go with

At Tonite to watach him bowl.
 I hope he is better than last
 Monday, he sure was disquised.
 He is always trying something
 new and it don't always work.
 He said he was going back to
 his old way again. So I'll tell
 you how he makes out the rest
 time. Santa is going to be kind
 of poor this yr by the looks of
 things every thing is so expensive.
 Well I guess I am finally
 done with the dentist. I still
 owe him \$8.00 but he will have
 to wait until after Xmas. I wish
 you could be with us all Xmas.
 Well we will all be thinking
 about you, and hoping you are
 fine & having a good time.
 I guess I will have to sign off
 weather I want to or not I am running
 out of paper. Love, Lucy. write