

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

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Dear Jack.

It sure seems a long time since I wrote you that 8 page note. But how the time does fly. Here it is 1943 already with Xmas and all the rushing in the past, I have been thinking of you but just didn't have the time to sit down and relax for a minute. I never went to sleep until 6.30 a.m. Xmas morning. I had to finish the girls dresses. So they looked pretty nice. Al's mother made each of them a coat & the girls bought them each a hat, gloves.

scarf & purse so they are all
set for a little while now. Albert
is wearing that blue coat from
Billy and Aunt Jean Westfall bought
Leonard a snow suit for Xmas,
so thank goodness that takes
care of them for a couple of yrs.

I sure was glad to hear from
you again. What makes two letters
I got since my last one, I'll
have to make that up in the
future. Al. went bowling tonite,
and I had to stay home because
Leonard has a bad cough again
and Al's last words were "be sure
to write that letter to Jack tonite.
So you see even he is worrying
about you not getting enough.

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letters. Well I never was much
of a letter writer but it isn't
so bad if you once get started.
I have so much to tell you I
don't know where to start.

Well I'll start with Xmas
day which never seems long
enough. He had a light lunch
and stopped over at the house for
a while. Em. was there for dinner.
They had a very nice tree Anne
and I got it \$2.50 it should be
mine for that I had to pay \$2.25
for mine too. But it really pays,
I took it down today and it
was just like new the long pine
needles, they seem to last much

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longer than those other ones. From
mom's we were invited over
to Al's mothers for Xmas dinner
Burkey & all the trimmings we ate
at 5:00 o'clock & then opened up
the gifts. The fellows played cards
after that so all in all we had
a nice time I sure wish you
could of spent Xmas at home
with us. I hope it will be
different next year. Mom hasn't
been feeling good since Xmas
she has a bad cold, so we
didn't do much visiting. I
was going to stop at Aunt
Phereas & Aunt Josephine's &
Aunt Katherine's but mom,

couldn't go so we stayed
home too. That was New Years
day. Em. was there & Paraba
came over so we shared the kids
down the basement & we all
played cards. I sure love
to play cards. For New Years Eve
I had, Marie & Em., Emily & Gene, &
Anne & Jean Leis over we
all pitched in for the cats &
everybody brought their own
bottle so it didn't cost too
much. I played cards again
& had a swell time. Sat. after
New Years I had Dorothy & Red
Pearl & Lil over & we played
some more cards & had a

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lunch then we decided to go to the Jam Bar and enjoyed it very much. I love to dance I wish you could of been there too. I love to dance with you. Sunday we stopped over to Al's mothers for a while and here it is Monday & I took the tree down today, because I couldn't take Leonard down the basement on account of his cough.

I don't feel so hot myself I can hardly talk. I guess it must be the weather, one minute it is raining and

the next freezing & snowing.

The kids made a snowman Sat. morning I guess that's how Leonard got his cold. Just to be a kid again. They sure get a kick out of rolling in the snow. I guess that is one of things you boys are fighting for. To keep this world safe & free for the next generation. Nice going and I wish you all the Luck this New Year can bring. I listened to the Catholic Hour Sunday mite and Fr. Gulton J. Shewan is on again & he sure was good. I wish you would listen to him yourself. He talks a lot about

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War & what we are fighting for.
He sure can tell a lot about it.
He said every body should do
something for the war & it is
for us at home to make a
holy hr. each day for a just
peace, and also for all you boys.
I think that is a very good idea.
don't you? Most Holy Communion
each day, it really helps a lot
more than anyone will ever
know.

How have you been feeling I
hope you are fine & take care of
yourself, and I will keep praying
and hoping it will all be over
soon. So Long until the next time
P.S. the kids will write Love, Lucy.
you the next time.

Names This is a letter from Albert.

He has been pestering me all evening
about writing you. So bad he can't
write. I don't know what it says but
any way it is from Albert.

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Sister Joan.

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