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Dear Brother Jack:

I or rather we got your letter today & I thought I would write you again. Our letters must have crossed in the mail. It sure is funny to hear that the weather down there is so bad when I thought Cleveland had the most changeable weather. Do you know that up here it went down to 108 ~~or thereabouts~~! The wind ~~was~~ blowing a regular Tornado. This was the cause of a tugboat turning turtle and going down with 14 men on board, and the boat Cleveco sinking from ice forming on it after drifting for 24 hrs. After that tug sank, this boat had 18 men on board and sank about 4 miles out from Euclid Beach. The tug sank about 8 miles out from Cleveland.

the case of us and that we're going
have to get ready to meet them.
all other things are secondary to
the extent that we do the best we
can. Then we have no objection
fears infusing a mission, or in the
superior, officials or in the
last analysis, God. The way
I write you'd think I was a preacher.
Anyway you know what I mean.
It seems to me that you ought
to be getting to be an expert at
skating and marching. Look at
us, that's all in the game and
you've ought to be getting in
a shape. Did you gain any weight
since you got there or are you
losing any? You didn't meet any
body you know yet, did you? Are
you still with the same gang you
left with or are they sending them
to different camps? How are you
feeling, pretty tough I suppose?

These boats were coming from Toledo with crude oil. I suppose you heard about that on the radio.

Jack, about that dependency allowance, I think that the fifty dollars was for a wife and the thirty-seven was for mothers or fathers, so you see that's nothing to worry about. In fact back home here we're all able to take care of ourselves, and the only thing you should do is take care of yourself. Don't forget to dress for the weather and don't expect the weather to suit you. You've got to first of all stay well and healthy, in order to keep looking the old world right in the eye and not shake when you start thinking. That really is half the battle, the other half is remembering that there is after everything else, but to

One thing in the army, they can
get tougher than you, ~~so you~~
may as well become a good
soldier as a half way one. You
can do it, but it's hard work and
you only have personal satisfaction
and not much glory. It's really
a pretty good life after the first
3 or 4 months.

So, Jack, I haven't any news
only that I hope to go back to work
next week and all the kids are
asking about you. Ballie the other
night wanted to know if his Uncle
Jack was real people. Pretty good
eh? Ma is feeling pretty good,
aunt Katherine is pretty sick
though. Still and all nobody here
can complain, so I'll write
you again. Just take care of
yourself. Wishing you lots of
luck and praying that health &
good fortune are yours I remain
~~your~~ Brother Joe & family