

Thursday - Sept 13/45  
2.30 PM



Dear Faw

July 14 to Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - a long time without mail - I wasn't surprised as we knew you were in transit and with Mary Malone's help we managed to know when you left and where headed for before your letter came.

Your picture taken at the Marseille station looks swell, but I hate to hear you lost some weight - I hope you gain it all back before starting home -

No doubt Faw when that day arrives it will be via Fusco so just in case, I'd like you to look Urque Huttie up so I'll enclose his address - and Jimmy expects to be there for a year so who knows maybe you'll

be back before he leaves there - Her address is Mrs Frank  
Huller 421-43<sup>rd</sup> Ave - San Francisco, and she's got a  
phone. Jimmy is teaching her married daughter to  
drive. Optimist ain't I? The five letters you  
got from me dated July and August, there were 4  
more during that period - You know I keep track  
of when I write you and Dot -

I sent you a letter two days ago to the new APO I  
got from Mary Malone, so I suppose that will  
reach you before one sent to the old APO 655 in  
which I told you of Ernie's death -

~~Your~~ Didn't send a cable as we figured it  
would take months getting there.

Your letter (Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) from Manilla got here  
in 11 days - not bad! Mrs Lewis is sending me  
two pictures (Robert sent the films home) and she  
thinks maybe you in them. I hope so as I'd  
like to send this one to Fessie. Just a week  
from ~~business~~ ~~Jan~~ (Sunday) today Sat Sep 20<sup>th</sup>  
and you'll be overseas a year! How we've  
missed you. I know it's tougher on you but  
I'm praying for your return before your next  
birthday. Mary Malone fears Japan is in  
the offing but we hope not - No doubt you  
fellows would like to see it if it meant only  
a month or two longer in the army - I listened  
to the reception to Gen. Wainwright this morning

and he mentioned the havoc in  
Manuela -

Well I don't expect any  
report soon on Jack Benny as  
the Chief is pretty much down  
in the dumps these days. The  
car stayed in the garage all  
summer and he only took it  
out the last week in August  
to go to the hospital to see Grand.  
He says he misses his car, and  
it's only natural he would as  
he spent his whole vacation  
downstairs painting ceilings and  
talking Grand's leg. Grandpa  
looks good, but it seems so  
lonesome to go in downstairs  
and see just him in those fire  
rooms. He won't come up and  
eat with us so there isn't much  
we can do - I think he's ad-  
justing himself to the loss better  
than the Chief is -

9.30 P.M.  
at home



Did it get this finished at  
work this afternoon -

Joe tells me Port Angele gets out of  
the Army tomorrow (he's married)  
so does a fellow named Boyle  
who wants to peddle with Joe.  
He's a Lt. and never been out of  
the states - and another fellow  
named Burns is out - Wonder  
when they'll catch up with Frank  
Shields?

Don't count on that gum from  
Joe - Don't know just what kind  
of a salesman he is as they carry  
no stock - All they do is go to  
assigned stores and fill up the  
shelves with Beechnut Baby food -  
The salesmanship angle comes  
later. He gets 35¢ a crate and I  
guess he only works 4 hrs a day as

she is either home early or to a  
movie. All of which just seems  
Joe to a T.

Peggy just phoned from Rye  
to say she had mail and 2 pics  
of you, so we both got our mail  
the same day

I do hope you able to get in  
touch with Jim Morris and Gene D

Saw a notice in tonight's Eagle about  
a James Hawkins paratrooper  
overseas 2 years - purple heart etc  
was discharged from Army Aug 6 and  
killed in an auto accident at Lake  
George yesterday (Sept 12) That's Aunt  
Ellie's nephew who gave Joe the pin  
stripe suit for Arthur's wedding.  
So that a wake we'll have to go to.

Well I am guess I'm talked  
out again - so well close till later

Love and Prayers

From Mom

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