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and nothing cut out, but I want to keep the  
original. -

May 12. Wed. 10.45 P.M.

Dear Mom.

Somewhere in South America.

I don't know just how much of this letter will  
be cut out by the censor, but I'll say what I have to say and hope he  
doesn't cut too much.

I don't know how long ~~xxxx~~ it will be before I can write again,  
but drop a few letters to my temporary A.P.O. and maybe they will be at  
my destination when I get there. Phil. and I didn't ship out together  
but I know from the other fellows that have caught up with us that he  
is coming the same ~~ay~~ way. More than likely we will meet "over there"  
some place. We might even be in the same Sqd. Boy this is a small world  
you should see all the people I have met that I knew since I left the States.

At one of our stops in South America I met a fellow I graduated with  
from Metal Trades. I also met a fellow from ~~xxxx~~ 76th St. whose Aunt I  
used to deliver icecream to when I worked in the drug store. I also met  
almost all the boys I went to gunnery school with. When we graduated  
we were all shipped ~~xxxxxx~~ to different parts of the States. Now 7 months  
later we all meet again. It's like old home week. I hope we are all  
together over there. It's kind of hard to write and still say something  
because there is so little one can talk about. It's almost 12 now Mom  
and I have to get up at 3a.m. we are leaving tomorrow. My next stop is  
"Somewhere in Africa, so till then I'll say so long. My temporary  
A.P.O. is

Sgt. J.E.S.  
12124740

A.P.O. ~~3812~~ 3812  
% Postmaster, N.Y.

Bye for a while Mom and remember me to every one. Did you tell  
Fel. I've left.

Love always,  
Joe.

*As usual rushing to Red Cross but I  
wanted you to know - write him at  
the 3812 A.P.O.*

*Love from Mother*

*Sent one to Dad.  
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Dorothy



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