

Sun. 4/4/43
6 P.M.

Dear Dot,

Just a quickie to let you know I got the letter you wrote Thurs. It came in today. So how do you figure out that it takes only a day for mail between us? Am damn glad you have this situation between me & mom analysed. Today I got a letter from Joe, and even he, thanks to mom, thinks I'm all in & ready to quit. Where in hell does she get those ideas? Gosh, can't we do a little griping like they all do?

There's nothing to worry about concerning those shots, as you've probably discovered Dot. All you get is a sore arm at most. Any fever that develops passes off in a half hour. Just to give you a little confidence about those double typhoid shots, Dot, let me tell you that we get triple typhoid shots and they don't even bother us. Just a slight fever, that's all. But are you sure you had tetanus yet? If you haven't, don't worry about that either. There's just a warm feeling in your arm for 5 minutes and that's all. All the fellows here, me included, say that you never feel the needle. The worst part, which isn't bad, is the after-effects. So keep your chin up. Consider the situation of 81 guys here whose "shot" slips were lost last week,

and who have to take their photos all over again!

About Joe. Got a letter from him today that I'm enclosing. I knew 2 weeks ago that he might get home overnight. But he told me not to tell anyone, so I didn't.

Dot, 2 letters ago you listed a lot of stuff & asked if we got it here, too. The answer is yes, all of them. But what's bothering you about Interior Guard Duty? Maybe Joe or I can help you. Let us know.

Dot, you were right about my feet. And so was I. It's just fair wear & tear on the dogs, and a case of getting accustomed to it. ~~Last~~ Yesterday (Sat) we were on a 4-hr hike (7 mi.) and my feet were fine. So that's the way it goes.

Your K.P. is over for a while, but I draw my first tour of it here tomorrow (Mon). But it's nothing at all compared to Upton, I hear. So I'll get thru it O.K. Gives us a chance to get away from that damned tiring bayonet practice!

Guess you'll be glad to hear I signed the payroll Fri. nite. That means I'll get paid about the 12th (next Mon.) I'll let you know. If I get full pay I'll get about \$35 or \$37. The rest goes for insurance, laundry & war bonds. So I'll send \$20 home & hope the remaining 10 or 15

dollars tides me over a month.

Say, kid, what do you think of Mass in the Army. Beautiful and home-like, isn't it? I've got to get to confession next week, by the way. It's 2 mos. since I last went.

Well, D'at, I've got to write Mom & Joe yet, so I'll call it a day. Write when you get a chance.

Love, as ever,
Frank.

P.S. I'm saving all my mail. When I get enough of it I'll send it home. Should make interesting reading after the war.

Frank.