

July, 14th, 1943.

10.30 p.m.

Dear Dot;

Sooooo after two weeks you finally got down to writing. What in hell happened. The only thing I hadn't thought of was that you might be buried cause I knew Uncle Sam would have invited me to the funeral. Why I even suggested tom Touhey that maybe you quit the army before you were re-sworn in. By the way Touhey was here overnite Monday, and she says you can go plump to hell, she hasn't had mail, only a card from you in three weeks. Can't say like Fan you have studies. Am enclosing A letter from Fan and as you can see we can't expect too much mail from him from now on. I told him not to write only when he found he had the leisure to do so. His record arrived today, but it isn't too hot, but that I guess is the fault of the victrola. You can understand it but there is a lot of static, and the voice doesn't sound sl like Fan. Dot that enlarged pic you sent home is sure a swell one of you both. Does it flatter Fan or does he really look that good. Every time Char lie sees a pic of you he thinks you are putting on moore weight, I think it is the uniform that is doing that to you. The tight collar probably makes you look fatter. Why in every pic are you minus your hat. Don't you like it? Take note of Fan's new address on the top of his letter. No we haven't had any more news from Joe? Yes he has left that mark at the end of his letter off of both the letters I a have had from N Africa. Nothing new here or in Conn. No Gene doesn't know what he has, they are keeping him full of dope so he isn't in any pain. The cancer is in his chest and the lower part of his throat. Mae said he is just skin and bones. By the way Martha called up this week and wanted to know how you all were. Nothing new with Pete. She seemed quite sociable, even offering to get in touch with someone Veronica knows in the U.S. Employment office to see if she could get me a job. She is to call me back tomorrow nite. Oh; yes here is the latest news from her, Veronica is going to have a baby in November, after 14 years. I aksed how she was and Martha said 37. Says Veronica was scared at first but now is delighted and feels fine all the



time~ You knowat one time they thought of adapting a baby~.Veronica is so nice.for her sake I hope nothing goes wrong~ Haven't called Mc's up lately.

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Am still waiting to hear where the Municipal, Finley, and Personal dough is. Don't tell me you play crap. Last month I know it went to pay the trip to Fan. Lets know a whats what and I'll send along that ten you want, but I first want to know if you already sent along the money~~xxxxxx~~ and something happened to it~.

Haven't heard from Auntie since the Cheif and Charlie were there. Touhey thinks Auntie will wonder why she has'nt been up, but knowing the way Auntie crabs especially since rationing went into effect I told E. I thought she would rather not have company when she is always crabbing about no stamps. She told me one week Alfred went up and brought their steak and vegetables because he knew she had no meat. I have sent her stamps twice, and this week I gave E. 20 red ones. They are the dam things no one has enough of. When I buy chicken over a week-end

(if I can get it) you don't use any stamps~ Yesterday I paid 73 cents a lb for pot roast. 5 lbs cost 3.65. now I think I was a nut. but I let Lilly Lovett get it at a butcher they go to and who is always supposed to have beef, in addition I had to give 60 red stamps. Tonite all we could get was Franks, and no one would eat ~~with~~ themm becaus e they had a filling in them possubly cornmeal, and they were awful.

Well Dot its midnite, and I have to quit. Hurry up and answer this letter so I can get the ten off you want~

Love from

Mother.

Send back Fan's letter. Touhey wants to read it~ Chief will take care of tax paper. I just paid your

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N.Y. State tax. It was 4.35.

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