

Tuesday July 6/43
9:30 P.M.

Dear Fan

Sure I know you were at Raleigh, State College because the minute I got your telegram I phoned the Eagle office and asked where the N.C. State college was located at and they told me, then your letter came through verifying it. Staley was home over the week-end from Boston - Betty tells me. I do hope its Georgia Tech Fan to you and Dot can see more of each other. I had two more letters from Joe since that V one - The V letter was written June 8 and arrived June 26th. The next letter coming through was written May 22nd and didn't get here till July 2nd. - now today I got another - written June 10th mailed the 12th and arrived today July 6th.

That's almost a month. There was also
a letter today addressed to Dot from
Joe so I opened it and am sending
you a copy. Dot's letter had more
of interest as concerns his travels
than mine - He mentioned Ron's
birthday and asked me to get Lee
something & send him the bill - he
hasn't been paid but expects to get
2 1/2 months pay when he does - Of course
that's minus the allotment he made
to me -

By the way Jimmy was here
last night with another sailor - He's
at Long Beach, L. I. since last
Sat - and are staying at the Lido
Beach Hotel - but expects to ship
out to sea by July 22nd.
He expects they will go to
Cuba or Iceland for about

3 months - they are going on a
brand new ship - I'll send
you his address as soon as he
sends it to me - I gave him Joe's
and Dot's and promised him
yours as soon as you settled.
It's a destroyer but Pop forgot its
name - Jim says he'll drop dead
when he first hears a gun fired
as all they've had was rifle
practice but no battle ship guns -
Al and Helen went to see him June
20th at Newport - Jim is in hopes of
getting a shore leave to go home
before the ship's out - We may
see him again before the leaves.
Joe has asked for pics of the
family - I wish Dot would
send me those pictures.
Cordy had a party last night.

and I woke up at 1.30 - Pif & Charles wanted 1 more beer at Bagley's - and I opened my mouth and said they should have gone to the pizzeria for Charles' birthday - no sooner said than done - they left on the 4.50 Sunday money - arriving at 6 at So Norwalk - Angie said everyone had just gotten to be; for them to go to Joe Mass, take bus to rubber mill, phone her then & Dick would pick them up. Chief didn't know he was to make 2nd phone call so when they got sick & tired of walking at rubber mill they started walking - everyone directed them differently and finally they arrived at 11.20 A.M from the direction of Benedicto you know the road

that used to separate the ponds
 Charley took - sun saw the
 fill in the hard way - Pop
 slept all day - not even up for
 dinner. The three girls were
 there so may be you'll hear
 all about it from Eliza. They
 came home Monday m^o at 8 -
 I can't you picture them
 wandering around those back
 roads? Nothing else new -
 am going to snap a few of the
 garden also the chicks -
 hope they turn out, if so well
 send you some.

Their want to write D^{ad} and
 Joe -

As ever Love and
 prayers from Mother
 spent from 11 AM to 4 PM at the U.S. employe
 bureau today - no soap.

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Thu. June 1 p. 1943
9.30 a.m.
In North Africa.

Dear Dorothy.

I guess its about time I got around to writing you huh Dot? After that 9 page letter I got from you in Columbia I should be able to write you a book, but when you take censorship into consideration there is'nt much left to write you about. I wasn't going to write you till I heard from Mom where your new address is, but when I ~~xxxxx~~ reread your letter this morning I see where you suggested that I write home and Mom could forward it to you, so here I am "beating my guns" by way of pen to my little sister somewhere in the U.S.A.

The trip across was a lot of fun Dot. I guess all in all I traveled nearly 10,000 miles. I was in Porto Rico, South America, Southern Africa (the gold coast) and now Northern

Africa. Just before I moved up here, I was at a bomb training center where we got the finishing touches before going into combat. While I was there I got a chance to go to Casablanca, which was ~~at~~ only 50 miles away. Casca is some city. Its blacked

out at nite but during the day you can have a wonderful time.

. Why you would hardly know there was a war going on back there. They had icecream, and cccoa cola, American beer, and even chop suey. But I'm up front now, so I better forget that stuff before

I go getting hungry.

I'm sorry to hear you passed up C.C.S. Dot you should have taken it while you ahed the chance. latter on may ~~be~~ too late. If there is any place the proverb "He who hesitates is lost" holds true its in the army. You want to take advantage of every thing you can, because at a later date, you may not be in a position to. But I guess I don't have to tell you. You've been in, lets see 3 months now have'nt you? Well I you should know most of the tricks by now. I have'nt been on any missions yet Dot. We have only been up here 4 days, but I do expect to go real soon. They have been doing some good work over here and I want to get going before there is none left for me. Of course I can't mention anything about the places being bombed. But I imagine you are reading about our doings every day in the papers. Well, Redhead, that just about covers everything. Things are going grand and I'm having a helluva good time. If I had it to do all over again, I'd ask for a double helping. I've had my hair cut real short, Dot. You should see me. I look like a stand-in for a watermelon.

I don't have time to write Frank just now, Dot. So will you send him my address and ask him to write me. How about getting some of those girls you work with to drop me a line. Some of my age of course. Just think, I'll be 21 soon, and I'll be able to vote for Roosevelt. That will be something to tell my kids; or will it? Well bye now, Honey, write soon and OFTEN and be good.

Love Always,

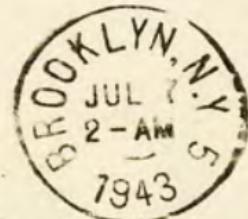
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(P.S. Latter part copied by the "Chief!")

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