



St. Petersburg, Fla.

Sun. Afternoon

4:30

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Dear Folks:

I rec'd your box today & the
one also with this pen & stationery.
The pen isn't working so well
yet but maybe it's because it's so new.
Will see at W. end of the little how it is.
Lis says it'll be ok. The stationery is
swell. I have quite a little of this for
at present but it will come in handy
handy because I have an idea that Lis
gonna be in the big box for quite some
time. I hope so - it'll be ok as soon
as I get back here.

The other box was swell. Lot
of quite a few of the cookies already.
Lis gonna have the fruit cake & eat it
for supper. The fellows all got quite
a kick out of the alarm clock. The
candle will come in handy. We
bought some from a guy the other day

but we are in every night & in the morning when we get up. We don't need the money tho' - almost every one in camp has the "L.L.'s" (the shirts) & are ~~all~~ running all the time. Gordon has had one all day & had his some. Will bite had one last night. I haven't been for these yet.

I'm gonna write letters till 9:00 tonight & try to catch up. They won't all be as long as this one tho'. I got a letter from you & one from Alva today. It was really him to write but I couldn't read some of it. More from Ruth tho' - she'll probably come this tomorrow.

Yesterday - what a day! We were out at 2:30 in the morning to sign the payroll. I don't know just when we'll get it but it should be about Wed. It'll be \$40. I'm gonna phone you & Ruth. That's - if you want me to I'll phone you. How about it? I know you can't afford to have me phone so I'll wait until then & phone you. Or all up -

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send ³ to ~~get~~ get another pay
\$3.00. That one will net
about \$42.00 - most of which
I'll send home. Don't just save
it for me! Use it! I know
damn well you need it so you it when
I'm going again you can pay it back.
After all - I'll have to ask to repay
you for all you give + do for
me + this \$40 I's gonna get will
last me quite a while. Love Lily Chantlain
\$5 + the phone calls will probably cost
me about \$5 or \$6 all together which will leave
me close to \$30 + I'll send some of that
to, now, doesn't if you don't take it
+ use it. I'll really be sore + feel
slyked. I swear it now - no kiddin'.
And don't send any to me 'cause I
still have a dollar + a half + if I need
any I can borrow it. I won't need more
a dollar more before I get, said my how.
Now does I need for a change. Please!

Bob is here now & he says one of
 the guys in his tent has Spina Meningitis!
 Couldn't talk, didn't recognize any of them
 this morning, sick to his stomach, &
 they took him to the hospital. I guess
 they took about 4 guys out of our
 zone flight in an ambulance this morning.
 This is a damn dumb trap. Tom English
 & Kenny Sahy were in a while ago for
 a few minutes.

Well, right after we sign up the
 guy will - 4:30 - we ~~all~~ went on K.P.
 Dedman on Squad Duty, Sam & Sonity
 had tea on night K.P. & were just
 going off when we went on, Will White is
 still confined to quarters & is going to
 have an operation on his knee - don't
 let his mouth too. Quinlan & Pelton
 were sent to a hospital to work & Jordan
 & I & the other flight who weren't
 on S.P. or at the fly: or confined to Q.
 were on K.P. It started raining about



6:00 when we started eating
 breakfast + rained all day.
 I was soaked from 2:00 on.
 About 1:00 we got word that
 the whole camp was packing up
 + evacuating the area because a hurricane
 or typhoon was heading toward St. Pete.
 The guys in our tent packed all of our
 stuff to get in a hurry. But I guess
 it changed its course since it never
 got here. At last we had quite a
 thrill. We got off at 5:30 - 16 hrs.
 Boy was I tired. I was giving out
 cookies last night + the Surge told me
 to give one + one only to each guy.
 Well about half way there some guy
 comes up + starts talking about 15 cookies
 so I tell him when the hell he thought he
 was going with all of them + he said he was
 gonna eat them as I said, "You one hell
 of a guy!" + he said by God he was a
 night cook + he'd see to it I got my

K.P. that night + I told him I didn't
give a damn what he did but I was
doing what I was told + he still wasn't
gonna eat but one damn cookie. I
had a cup in my hand + the guys started
out just as I started out after him +
the Day Mess Sarge a 1st Sarge grabbed
him + told him by God if he couldn't eat
like the rest of the guys he wouldn't be
a work any more for a while. I got quite
a kick out of it but it's a damn
word I didn't get pleased one cause
he wasn't what you'd call frail looking.

I went to bed at 9:30 + got up at
11:30 this morning. I trained all night
+ morning but I didn't hear a thing.
We got passed tomorrow night. I'm
gonna get a hair cut. I haven't had
one for 5 weeks.

By the way - how long does
it take from long does it take - by letters
to get to you?

Tell Pete I said thanks a lot for the cigs.

Love Glenn
the luckiest
guy in
the city.