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Wed. Afternoon
4:15

Dear Family: +

Again today, I really got 4-28-43
a slew of mail. Cards from Grandma
(+ a letter + \$1), Mary + Johnny, Mr.
+ Mr. Bowmar, + Mrs. Thompson.
Tell them I say hello, thanks, + I'll
write them one of these days. Also
letters from Bob Sagawham (his going
to send me some dough on his next
pay-day. Says Jim is going "fishing"
I wish I were going with him. Bob is
really crazy about Punkie but she
doesn't seem to care.), Lois Pissethman,
Mary Webb, + three from your group.
2 written the mon. + tues. right
after my operation - mailed the 20th
+ one mailed the 26th. Your group
are sure swell I ~~write~~ write so
often + the letters are really neat.
I'd sure miss 'em if I weren't getting

'em!! Thanks more than I can
begin to say!

It is much nicer out today than
it was yesterday. It was sure cold
last night but is almost warm
today. Looks like it could rain very
easily tho'. You hope not!

School on. This new shift seems
to go awful slow but I guess I'll
just have to get used to it. I'm getting
a long pretty well in school but it
sure is complicated!

Sure wish I could have fun then
to go down to Grandma's Larder. It's
been a long time since I've been in
a house or eaten a home cooked
food & it'll be a good deal longer
before I have any chance to. Darn it!

So Carl looks more like me
every day, eh? That's well. He's a
cute little kid. It's a compliment to
me. Tell Cloyce that I didn't have



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a thing I do with it this! Ma. Ma.

Off Bud Miller is still there
when you get this letter tell him I owe
him a letter & will answer it if he'll
send me his address. This is his 2nd
furlough isn't it? The lucky dog!!

The food has been much
better at the mess hall lately ex-
cept that we only get about 1 cup of
milk a day & that isn't enough
for me - or did you know?

Find out what hotel that guy
is in. I'm going & stay in a hotel
this next Sun. mite. You see, if I
come back to the barracks, when the
guys come in from school they wake
me up & if I stay down town I can
sleep till afternoon. If you can make
out that last sentence, you are good!

I'm going to look Clarence up tomorrow if I can. I don't know what shift he is on & therefore don't know when he is sleeping, or is at school or is free. Glad to hear he's laid down. He can meet me in town & I can see him for a while now. I haven't seen him the month!

Bill Harris, a guy who is in the next bunk & was down in Tent City with me, just got back from the hospital today & he has Mra. off too. He was circumcised. They are operating on a lot of guys for that now. Sure glad I've had it done! I've had enough hospital for a while.

I am feeling pretty good now. Not weak & hope I'm gaining weight. It still ~~for~~ hurts when my hands move but nothing like it did. I think if I shot all that I can take just



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just about anything they hand out.
 What weight I lost was just sur-
 plus because I'm still as mus-
 cular as ever & that's a lot more
 than I ~~was~~ was at home. That's
 one good thing Tent City did
 for me. My cough is some-
 what better too.

I think I'd better turn in now,
 as I have to get up at mid night!
 Sounds silly doesn't it?

Love to all
 your
 son

P.S. I bought a new cap so I'm going
 to send my old one to Dad. I'll give
 it to you when you come up. Mom.
 "Perry"