

Monday

Dec. 29, 1943

Dear Gabe.

Your mail is starting to catch up with me. Last night upon arrival home I received your letter of Dec. 24. You and must have had a swell time on your trip whatever and wherever it was. I always like you that the T. C. branch of the service was really something and you are just beginning to get the hang of it.

By this time you ought to be about finishing your basic training, if it is the six week period that your course is prescribed, I don't like, count the time that you spent on your trip as part of the course. The letter that you sent up was played up quite a bit in the New York paper and though I didn't mention it to Florence was a bit concerned about it when I read about it, but it turns out O.K.

I have been meaning to tell you in my past letter that when I was up to Yale two weeks ago. (played basketball against the Yanks) or did I tell you, I don't recall it I'll repeat myself. I met Benie Goldwater, just by accident. He is up there on the Army Specialized Training Program taking Russian. Love it and is having a swell time. Was very much surprised to hear that you were in the service and expect some time in the near future to get down to a meeting.

About all the promises made on 3 day promises & furloughs
and recognition for hard work. Don't knock yourself out
on it. Don't ~~commit~~ count too heavily and try to adopt the
attitude that if they come OK and if they don't OK too. Not to
make you feel too nervous the probability is that 90% of them
of the recruits don't materialize. So keep the old finger crossed
on being happy.

There is case I haven't told you your boys Sanders &
Rhodesby were dropped from the line my office for the
coming year.

Was out at your friends the Rhodeses Saturday
afternoon and they inquire as to your whereabouts & your
health. Don't solicitous over all that. All is still working for the
ransom and all is pretty well. So have now a bit of vacation
until the 1st of the year. If I haven't seen them for about 2 months
and it seems that if I don't get over there I won't get to see them at
all. Don't know.

As for the home front all seems to be going along quite
smoothly, nothing exciting happening. Florence and Jimmy are
OK. and I'll make a caution on your part that he's looks good
and walks pretty well. By the time you get home as your
first furlough again ought to be meeting you at the club with a

boots in his hands (milk).

By the way, did you hear about the Holstein who was
arrested for drinking milk out of a Mac's (Wap) container.
Almost forgot it.

So far the time being that's all.

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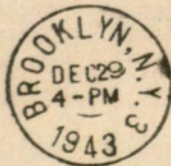
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