

March 8th. 1944

Dear George,

Am in receipt of your 3-5 letter, and sure am glad to hear from you again. It is just two weeks since I heard from you. I was beginning to think that perhaps you had shipped out to another camp. In fact, I had rather hoped that you were shipped closer to home.

Well, I'm glad you're still doing well, and that you have become ~~an~~ indispensable. I'm pulling for you to get located closer to home, and I sure do hope it works out that way.

Aside from the fact that Jack Weber is now on an

island somewhere in the Pacific, your letter bore no new tidings. I knew about Beanie's induction, and Harry's operation. Glad to hear that Florence and Jim are fine. I'm certain Florence will see it doesn't change.

Hope the range proves easy, and that you qualify. I think you'll like it. If nothing else, if the weather is anything like it is here, you should get a good sunburn. Looking forward to your story of how you're working out this basic training of youns. I know you're a true stoff, when I read of your conning.

me, I'm still a cadet officer, and still have it

rather easy. I do nothing in the afternoon. My day's work is comprised of 1 hr. of drill, one of P.T. and a retreat parade at night. In between, chow, letter writing, reading, and sack time.

Fran and I are both very well physically and mentally. With the weather as pleasant as it is, one can't help but feel pretty chipper.

George, to get a little serious - I guess Mom and Pop feel pretty badly about not having one of us around. They were rather used to being without me, but your induction must have cut a new and

deep wound. I know they could use a little morale booster, and if one of us could get home for a while it sure would do the trick.

Needless to say, you're dying to get home - so am I. However, it may be possible for me to do this within two months or so. It would be tough, but it might be managed. On completing gunnery, I should get between 10 and 15 days off. Well, I'd need 15 days, at least. Traveling would entail 8 days round trip. Also, fare alone would set ~~me~~ me back at least \$200. I would do it though, for I know how happy mom and Pop would be.

However, here's the deal.

In about 3 months time
 after gunnery, I'd be a bombardier,
 and undoubtedly I'll get a furlough.
 It is then especially, that I'd
 want to go home. You can see
 for yourself that all this
 traveling would set me back a
 small fortune. Although as an
 officer, I'm under the impression
 that I would get my fare paid
 for.

I'm going to hate to
 have 10 days or so to myself
 after gunnery and not go
 home. But it would be a mean
 trip, especially for Fran. I
 surely couldn't afford Pullman

rates from here.

But, there's probably
nothing to do but wait
until I ^{am} commissioned.

I hope you can
make it home before then.

Keep plugging George,
something is bound to break
soon.

With a handshake in mind -

Bob

Best regards from Fran