



CAMP CROFT
SOUTH CAROLINA

Wed, 4/7/43 5:30 P.M.

Dear Mom,

Got your letter today denying that you read between the lines. Could be. I won't argue. You ask, though, if I'm thru with my shots yet. The answer is no. We continue to get one or two every Saturday. But they don't bother us any more. I guess we're getting used to them. Dad wrote me and said she heard latrine rumors to the effect that the double typhoid shots they had to take were pipe ~~was~~. So to brace her up I wrote back & told her we took triple typhoid shots. Which is the truth; and they don't bother us either.

No, mom, I haven't been in to Spartanburg yet. But I plan on going in on pay day. And the latrine rumors (L.R.'s.) have it that payday is next Sat. I'll let you know what my reaction to the joint is.

I'm sorry to hear that Touhey's party wasn't so hot. Sorry in particular to hear about Gil. Cause I like him and hate to see him turn out so. But what can you do?

Next week we go onto the range to fire. We're dry-shooting all this week. The C.O. promised our platoon a beer party if we made a good score, so we're all going to try hard.

Yesterday I wrote to ~~Aunt~~ Aunty. Today I rec'd a letter from her, and there was a dollar enclosed. Just so she won't think I wrote yesterday's letter ^{and didn't thank her} after receiving her letter and money, please explain the situation & thank her for me the next time you write. I haven't the time

7:45 P.M. Just got back from Mass and Benediction. I guess there was all of 16 soldiers & officers there. But, gosh, it gives you a glad-to-be-alive feeling. I'm going to try to get to week-day Mass whenever I can.

While we're on the subject of religion, mom, get out those 3 volumes of "Radio Replies" you bought in Barclay St for me. Have the Chief look in the index of each one and pick out the one volume that contains the most information on divorce. Then ~~send~~ wrap it up and send it down here. This potential minister ^{down here} is an apostate Catholic & I've got to be on my toes.

Well, mom, there's a variety show here tonight, and also a good movie. I want to go to either one, so I'll close now.

Remember the Poor Souls in your Masses.

Love, as ever,

Frank

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