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MY DEAREST FRANK,

HELLO AGAIN! --THE WEATHER HERE IN NEW YORK HAS GOTTEN TO BE THE MOST UNRULY THING WE NEW YORKERS HAVE TO PUT UP WITH. I CAN'T SEE WHY OUR VERSATILE LITTLE MAYOR IS UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. HE'S MANAGED TO GET HIS TWO CENTS IN ON EVERYTHING ELSE! FOR INSTANCE: FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS OR SO EVERY CLERK, STENOGRAPHER, AND WHITE COLLAR WORKER IN THE CITY HAS HAD TO SIT AND TWIRL THEIR THUMBS ON THE SUBWAY TO AND FROM BUSINESS BECAUSE THE NEWSPAPER DELIVERER'S UNION WAS ON STRIKE. SO---WITH COURAGE AND DETERMINATION WORTHY OF A PATTON, OUR "LITTLE FLOWER" SAW TO IT THAT HIS "DEAR LITTLE CHILDREN" WOULD NOT HAVE TO SUFFER THE TORTURES OF NOT KNOWING WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO "TERRY AND THE PIRATES", "DICK TRACY" AND "BLONDIE". HE REALLY WENT AT THE JOB WITH GUSTO, I HEAR. HE'S EVEN GOTTEN INTO THE MOVIES WITH THIS NEW ANTIC, AND EVERYONE JUST ROARS AT HIM (NOT AT THE COMICS). THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO WOULDN'T THINK OF MISSING HIS WNYC SUNDAY BRADCAST FOR FEAR THAT THEY WOULDN'T BE UP ON THE LATEST COMEDY. THE STRIKE ENDED TODAY, SO FROM NOW ON WE CAN SEE FOR OURSELVES WHAT'S GOING ON.

-----AS I WAS SAYING, THIS WEATHER IS AWFUL!

THIS AFTERNOON WE SAW THE "QUEEN MARY" LEAVE THE BATTERY ON HER RETURN TRIP OVER SEAS. THAT MEANS THAT SHE WILL BE BACK IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS LOADED DOWN WITH RETURNING VETS. IT'S LIKE A LEGAL HOLIDAY WHEN THE SHIPS COME UP THE HARBOR AROUND HERE. LAST FRIDAY EIGHT, INCLUDING THE "QUEEN ELIZABETH" ARRIVED. THE NAVY PATROL BLIMP GOES OUT AND ESCORTS ALL OF THEM INTO THE HARBOR AND UP THE RIVER. AND YOU SHOULD SEE THE ANTICS IT GOES THRU. IT ZIG ZAGS UP AND DOWN AND 'DIVE BOMBS' AT EACH OF THE SHIPS TO THE TUNE OF ALL THE WHISTLES AND HORNS OF THE ANCHORED SHIPS. ALONG THE WATERFRONT ALL THE TOWING COMPANIES WHICH HAVE PA SYSTEMS FOR DIRECTING THEIR TUGS WELCOME THE FELLOWS AS THEY PASS. OF COURSE ALL OF FOSTER WHEELER DASHES TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WHICH FACE ON THE HUDSON AND WATCH ALL OF THEM UNTIL THEY'RE OUT OF SIGHT. SO FAR NONE OF US HAS KNOWN ANYONE WHO WAS RETURNING BUT SOONER OR LATER ONE OF THESE SHIPS IS BOUND TO BE CARRYING A PRECIOUS CARGO FOR ONE OF US. (WISH IT COULD BE ME!)

I STILL HAVE NOT HAD ANY MAIL FROM EITHER FEL OR EILEEN. I'D EXPECTED TO HAVE A LETTER FROM FEL BY THIS TIME, SINCE SHE HAS ASKED ME TO GET TICKETS FOR HERSELF AND EILEEN AND FOUR OTHER WAVES WHO ARE GOING TO COME UP TO NEW YORK THIS WEEK END. THAT WILL MEAN EIGHT RESERVATIONS COUNTING MARGE HEARN AND MYSELF. I HOPE I GET WORD TODAY.

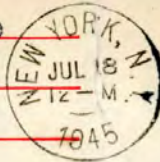
WELL HON, SOMETHING TELLS ME I'VE COME TO THE END OF MY ROPE SO I'LL HAVE TO SIGN OFF FOR A WHILE. SO LONG, DARLING. BE GOOD.

V ... - MAIL

*All my love always,
M.G. Doyle*

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