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Dear Mother & Dad:

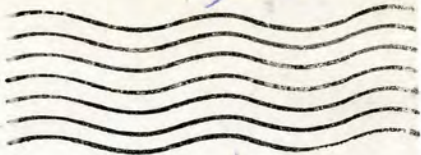
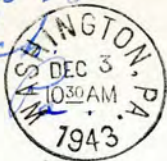
Well sure you've understood my last
writing soon. I've been sleeping my
brains out every chance I got since
Mother left here. Tonight, came up to the
Grill for supper with Bradbury & we
both got down to writing letters in a
corner booth - just like Jackey & me
in Boyle's

Really hope you did enjoy Pa in
spite of dirt & fatigue, man. I know I
was poor company 'cause everything
caught up with me at once, & I was
just about keeping my head above water.
Honestly haven't had a low like that in
my 8 months in Army. My conscience
really bothered me, under the circumstances,
when I considered the \$ & physical
effort you put into the trip. But I
simply wouldn't have stopped you -
'cause you so seldom get out of Bay Ridge.

& too, I thought you'd enjoy seeing us
at work. I I said you short, please
forgive me. Your mind, at that, was
well tuned. It raised my morale
100% & this week I'm pretty right
up top with the rest of the panel. You
can't keep an Irish man down for long -
not when he's a Childs.

That news of Joe's & Sel, is too,
too, discouraging. Something tells me we
won't have to wait too much longer.
When he does get in, ordinary mail will
do to notify me & my first move will
be to call him. If you knew how much
I ache to talk to him - but then
you must, cause you do, too. When
I hear he's in - & for how long - I'll
make my plans. He'll probably
get 30 days & I'll want my Emergency
furlough for the end of that time. I
simply couldn't see him in the
beginning & then go back to sit in
Oglethorpe, knowing he was still at

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