

Saturday 10.30 PM

Dear Jan

Well we were tickled to death to hear you finally got pelted I hope by now you've been classified in something you like & when we got no mail we figured you were gone, shell, figured Upton's might be quarantined. We got your letter today also one from Joe written St Pat's day a few hours before you wrote yours. He sent some pictures one of he & Felix is especially good it was taken some time ago by a roaming photographer. Felix got out of the Hospital St Pat's day. Joe says he got a Carlos from Bayles. Those scarfs he is making a gift of

to his officers but Lopez they won't
think him an A.K. - Set it?
Also Lussed. That's about the
high lights of Joe's mail.

I sent you a letter earlier today
with \$5.00 in it and tried to
have it registered but P.O. was
closed so had Pelly mail it
anyway. Hope you get it O.K.

I'll send sandals - etc as soon
as I can get a chance to buy
them. Had a telegram from
Dot Friday night saying she
was arriving Georgia at 6 A.M.
Friday, so there she was going
over the same route as you
only 2 1/2 hours later. She
says a letter follows - so as
soon as I get her address
I'll let you have it. Chiff says
you're only 90 miles from ^{Joe's} ~~Dot's~~
Reche is at - 1129 1/2 M.P. Co

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Robbins Fields. Warned Robbins
Georgia. - Glenn - Daddy
and I went to Penn Station
with Dot - got there at 10.30
but it was 11.45 before they
left, hers evidently was a
much longer trip - 11.45 P M Wed
to 6 A M Friday - really 30 hours.
I sent her your address - I
hope she gets my letter as I'm
just guessing at an address -
letter will come back if its
not right. There was a company
of soldiers from Upton at Penn
Station and when they lined
up the Chief and I went up
and down the line hoping
you might be amongst them
no such luck though - too bad
we couldn't have known about
the night before. I think there

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train may have been attached to
the train Dot was on as they were
a lot of drafties going out also at the
same time. By now I guess Dot
has had all her photo's. I hope
they didn't make her any worse
than you say you were. When
we got home at 12.30 Daddy went
for beer and we called Pop up
from the cellar - he played till 2.30
was talking of buying shoes and
I remembered your public school
ones they fit him O.K. - he wanted
to buy sneakers - can't use heavy
leather on account of his corns - says
yours are fine. I also gave him
some shirts. Put all your clothes
and joes - in a new wardrobe
I bought and put in the cellar on trunk
rack - have some moth proof stuff
in it I paid 1.50 for it I guess they
are safe. I hope I get your
clothes from Upton's - they didn't
come yet. Henry Alfke leaves
next Friday for Camp Dix his mother

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told me today - It's been raining
here almost every other day. Did
I tell you Ron & V had to have their
teeth fixed for school - \$2.00
Meat shortage here is awful -
H & P closed today at 5 and I
couldn't even get chop meat for
steaks - Luckily I have a beef
tongue I bought last week -
that will do Sunday but after
that I guess there won't be any
till Rationing goes into effect

April 1st - Prng. Beans are 35¢
a lb - Had to pay 25¢ for a small
head of cabbage today. They predict
America will be starving before
this is over. Guess I'll cut this
short Jan. as its 11:45 P.M. and
I'll miss last mail.

Still hearing daily mass for
all of you - Love Mother
(over)

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told me he couldn't get any more
deferments.

P.P. Your concerns in Jamaica
are going up

Bruce Linn²³ going in the waves
New Brother Edward²² in North
Africa on a commando boat.

Anastasia Bortel 22 is joining
the Waves - this is the one Bob
thinks so pretty

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Her brother Ralph Bortel is
at the Great Lakes Naval Training
Station since Mas.

P.P.S. - That was some I. O.
you had.

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