

Friday May 19/44

Dear Dot.

Well our letters are starting to cross in the mail again. Guess each time I write, there's mail from you the next day. All O.K. on this end, no more mail from Joe since he phoned Monday 17. m. Had a short note from Sam today, and he can't believe it's Joe's left arm - Says he's made a mistake, it's always been the right one, but I didn't cause I made sure Joe repeated it as I thought there was a mistake when Joe said "left one".

Local news - Mrs Donnelly has had an op. a tumor which

has evidently been ²growing her trouble
since Pat was born - she has lost about
40 lb - Was rushed to the hospital a
month ago for blood transfusions -
out again in a week - Returned 2 weeks
ago for more trans. and they operated
Wed. P.M. - The D. told V she was coming
along O.K.

Sorry to hear you feel so
poor. Why don't you get that
metabolism test and have it over
with. Will be contacting John
myself one of these days. Have
put on 10 lb since Joe came home.
Am now 170 - that's growing up.

You ask if Jan got your 12 pg.
letter - I don't know till he gets
in tomorrow night [I hope] he said
in today's note that he had asked
Peg to meet him here and some

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time going to Blalush, and as he's
broke was wandering if his Uncle
would be having a box full of
beer, otherwise he'd have to go to
a movie. I'll phone Tom his letter
tomite and he'll probably say "Come
over" By the way Kathy has signed
up for Sept 8th - now has to have a
medical, plus X-rays by a Dr the Order
peeps. I promised her pillows -
6 cases & 6 sheets & a single blanket.
Now I gotta get a job. If I do I'll
probably wind up giving her a
shower. (promised her once since
she was in diapers)

You ask about "Special Orders"
re "Good Conduct Medal" - You
ain't never put them home yet.
Even the Army hasn't broken
you of loosing or mistaking
things.

Being received by a 4 star

General wasn't so bad after all eh!
Saw a mac in the new uniforms,
They look very nice. Donned yours
yet?

Betty didn't make Bishop. The
news dampened her spirits for
a day, but now its forgotten. Her
next hope is being an alternate.
No chance of that as they only
selected 2. That takes care of letter
no 1 - now for your Registered letter.
Well Dot! I'm stumped, don't
know what to say as thanks would
cover what I feel. Yes I had
a nice little cry all by myself
when I read the note. Not for
the 5. but for the love I know
~~was~~ prompted the sending
of it. Don't know why you
always put me on

pedastal as I don't belong. You
know yourself I'm nothing like
Ma. You know what I mean
patience, etc. You gotta admit
I was always crabbing about
something or other, and it's only
since Ma passed so she has gotten
crabby. No matter what hell we
kids raised she never complained.
Not even you can't say that about
me. Anyway you & Sheddres know
I love you, so that should
excuse all the past fault finding,
and I'm not saying thanks dot
Cause you know I feel more than
that. Have passed the 5 to Row
as I can't make up my mind what
I want. Have the making of 3 dresses
that new hat you saw. Bags can't
be bought, so ~~ooo~~ until I find a
use for it (other than groceries) I can

at with Ron. I thought of spending
it at Rogers Rooms with the
Chief - but too much company -
maybe I'll save it for your
next furlough and will love
Alexanders. Once I got dough and
can't make up my mind how to
spend it. Butcher & Baker could do
but somehow I feel I'd be cheating,
so tell I make up my mind Ron's
banker.

We started to work tonight.

58 dime ^{2 up} at 53rd St. - Loyed
Baptist to age 18. Fri mite from
5 to 9.30 and Sat 1 to 10.30. she'll
probably quit after tomorrow mite.
You know Dee. They want clothes
and things so badly I didn't
say No. 35¢ per hour.

Will dot it to 10 P.M. - have to
talk to ete and Chief is squeak-

ing as we promised to go to Selston
Eve early as I wanted my dress
fitted, so I'll call it a day.

He's always tired - no call for
the past 2 weeks - no tires - is
awaiting a reply from the Rector
Board.

Put the Mass Card to Helen
last Wed nite.

Love from Mother -