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Tuesday

Hi People,

I'll start this letter now at noon and maybe I'll be sure of getting it finished tonight.

For the first time in a good while I have something to tell you that I am happy about. You wouldn't guess in a long what it is. Yesterday noon they came around asking for men to become radio operators. This is just a fancy name for operators of these little walkie-talkies but never the less it was a chance to learn something away.

I volunteered and started right yesterday afternoon. There are five or six of us from each company taking the training. The classes are conducted by the communication sergeants from

each company and by the regimental and battalion communication technicians.

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Yesterday afternoon we learned about communications in an infantry regiment, battalion and company. We started right in this morning learning about the radio's and a little about the sending of messages.

This was supposed to be a ten weeks course but it seems that we are going to complete it in about half that time. It seems that we are going on maneuvers or something soon in which we will be using the training.

Tonight.

I suppose that by the time you get this letter Ben will have started back. By the way at what port is he stationed.

There are a lot of rumors about



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Then of course since these radios can be picked up by any receiving station you must use regular radio procedure which must be practiced and learned.

Tonight.

Well after getting my hair cut, cleaning my rifle, taking a shower and exploring and sampling my package I am at last ready to start writing again.

The package arrived this afternoon in excellent shape. Right now I have one hand in the popcorn and the other on the pencil. It certainly reminds me of studying on Sunday evenings. I sure wish I was in a position to do some more of this.

Furloughs still seem to be on the way so I may be seeing you

one of these days. I only hope this
radio school doesn't interfere with
a furlough when it comes up.

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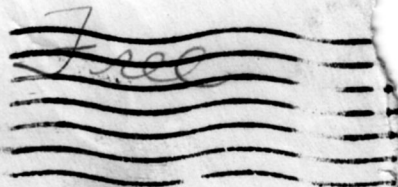
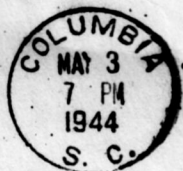
I have a couple of acorns left so
I am sending you one to see what they
are like. Of course it isn't the newest
one in the world but it will give
you some idea of them. Jim can
put it on his khaki jacket if he
wants to. It goes on the left sleeve
a half inch from the shoulder.

Good morning people, ^{May 5.}

I feel tired as usual but other
wise pretty good this morning. I
sure wish you guys were here
to help me eat my birthday cake.

I'll be seeing you
Donald.

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