

Section Base San Diego
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
San Diego, California

MARCH 26TH, 1943
12:20 A.M.

DEAR AFTON;

FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS I HAVE BEEN WORKING A GRAVEYARD SHIFT, WHICH FRANKLY I DON'T LIKE. WHILE I WAS WORKING AT THE STEEL PLANT I DIDN'T MIND THIS SHIFT. PERHAPS THE REASON FOR THIS WAS THE FACT THAT WHILE I WAS AT THE STEEL PLANT I COULD SLEEP BUT ON THIS JOB YOU MUST KEEP ON YOUR TOES. HOWEVER BEGINNING SAT. I GO ON DAYS AGAIN, WHICH SHOULD MAKE MY JOB MORE ENJOYABLE.

UNCLE SAM DELIVERED ME ANOTHER LETTER TO-DAY FROM ONE, AFTON HARRIS WHICH AS ALWAYS WAS VERY WELCOME. THE ENCLOSED CLIPPING INCIDENTALLY IS THE FIRST I HAVE SEEN. JUDGING FROM THE SEVERAL MISTAKES MADE IN THE WRITE-UP DAD OR MOTHER MUST HAVE GIVEN THEM THE INFORMATION. OH WELL I DON'T SUPPOSE IT MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE.

I SPENT THE EVENING WITH CARL ROTHER WHO I BELIEVE I MENTIONED IN MY LAST LETTER. HE, YOU RECALL IS THE ONE WHO ONLY LAST SUNDAY BECAME A PROUD FATHER. AND WHEN I SAY PROUD I MEAN NOTHING SHORT OF PROUD. HE HAS BEEN MARRIED SOME SIXTEEN MONTHS NOW AND IN THAT LENGTH OF TIME THE CHANGE THAT HAS COME OVER HIM IS PHENOMINAL. WHEN I SAW HIM LAST IN SALT LAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO HIS WHOLE LIFE REVOLVED AROUND HIS NEW CAR THAT HE HAD JUST PURCHASED ALONG WITH VARIOUS AND OTHER SUNDRY THINGS THAT ACCOMPANY ANY FELLOW WITH A NEW CAR. NOW HIS LIFE REVOLVES AROUND HIS WIFE, BABY, HOME AND VICTORY GARDEN. IT STILL SEEMS ALMOST INCREDIBLE TO ME.

I AM THOROUGHLY ENJOYING MY COMBINATION AND VITROLA SET. ALREADY I HAVE A FAIR COLLECTION OF RECORDS. HOWEVER I HAVE NEITHER BLACK MAGIC NOR MY DEVOTION--THE LATTER OF WHICH I DID INTEND TO GET. IN FACT TO-DATE I HAVE NO SO CALLED POPULAR RECORDS. MY COLLECTION THUS FAR IS COMPRISED LARGELY OF SYMPHONIC AND LIGHT OPERA. SUCH RECORDS AS THESE ARE GOING TO BE IMPOSSIBLE TO GET IN A FEW MONTHS SO I THOUGHT I BETTER GET THEM NOW. I INTEND NOW TO BEGIN LOOKING FOR SOME GOOD POPULAR MUSIC SUCH AS THE TWO YOU MENTIONED.

I BELIEVE I MENTIONED IN ONE OF MY LETTERS OF THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING HOME FOR A FEW DAYS. THIS NOW APPEARS VERY UNLIKELY. I UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT AT ALL A GOOD POLICY TO ASK FOR A LEAVE UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN OUT FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. SO IT LOOKS LIKE I AM GOING TO HAVE TO JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU COME OUT HERE. WHEN DID YOU SAY THAT WOULD BE? HOPE YOU CAN MAKE DURING THE FORE PART OF THE SUMMER. IN ANY EVENT LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU THINK IT WILL BE SO I CAN MAKE ALL PREPARATIONS TO RECEIVE YOU.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR REVIVED CHURCH INTEREST.
~~DEPENDS ON FIND IT AM SURE THAT IT PAYS~~ BIG PERSONAL DIV-
(TYPEWRITER JAMMED HERE)

WHAT I WAS TRYING TO SAY IS THAT I AM RIGHT PROUD OF
YOU IN YOUR RENEWED CHURCH ACTIVITY. YOU WILL I AM SURE FIND
THAT IT PAYS BIG PERSONAL DIVIDENDS. I HAVE ALREADY FOUND
MUCH PERSONAL SATISFACTION AND HAPPINESS IN THE CHURCH
SINCE COMING TO SAN DIEGO.

DO CONTINUE TO WRITE ME THOSE ENCOURAGING LETTERS.
THEY MEAN MUCH TO ME.

THE SAME,
PAUL