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Dear Mom and Pop,

I got your letter today from March 11. I just got back from going swimming. Maybe that wasn't a disappointment. We just took our clothes off, dove in, swam the length of the pool and back, put our clothes on, checked our names off the list and came back to our barracks. It felt good to dive in that water though. I got Aunt Carrie's package yesterday. It was really good. I haven't finished it yet. You won't have to send anymore candy because we are out of quarantine. We can go over to the canteen any time after our work day we want. I'll send Donald a letter and that knife so it will get to him by Tuesday. I don't think they have any Birthday cards at the canteen.

I guess I already told you we get out April 21. Eggy hasn't looked me up yet. Boy I'll bet that's going to be good. Donald and Ronald give

ing, a talk. I can't wait to hear about that
Glad to hear pop is getting all the overtime.
Hank is still my bunkmate and will be 'til we get
out of here. He says 'hello'.

I didn't get Zoot's girl's address yet
but I did better than that. A few weeks ago
I found a letter to some guy from his sister on
the drill field so I wrote her. She sent me
a nice letter and asked me for my picture.
I don't have any to give her but I told her how
good looking I was. She sent me her picture.
She's O. M. It was a picture taken off one of
her class pictures. She's a senior. She lives
in W. Va. We haven't got any pictures of me
home have we?

Well, I go to church every Sunday.
All of us had to have an interview with the
chaplain. His name is Father Drinegan.

Well I guess I'll close now. I hope
everybody is feeling good. Say 'hello' to the
malays for me.

Lots of love

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