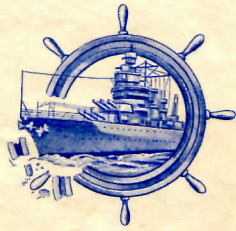


Palm Sunday
April 14



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Dear Mom + Pop,

I don't know what to write but I have all day off and can't leave the barracks this afternoon so I'm writing this. I got some washing to do but I don't feel like it. I think I'll save it and bring it home the next time I come home. If I'm still here I expect to have 72 hr leave for Easter.

I saw John De fancy in church this morning. Maybe he didn't look funny. I didn't even recognize him. He had a coat a couple of sizes too big and all his hair cut off. He says 'This boot camp really

is tough! He don't know the half of it. Wait until he's been here a few weeks.

I already told you De Liso is in my barracks but we see each other a lot. He's on K.P. already. He was giving out ice cream today and I got three bricks. He dishes anything out all you want. Yesterday he was giving out cake and a C.P.O. gave him hell for giving out so much. He says 'You give it out if you can do any better'. Nothing happened to him though. He's got more luck than Carter has liver pills.

Him and I are going to the movies tonight. 'Happy go lucky' is playing.

How's the brats? Tell Duke as soon as he gets those pictures to send them.

Well, I'll close now. Write often. I didn't write any letters last night. I was too tired.
Lots of love + kisses
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