

Thursday

Dear Mom,

Just a few lines to let you know I'm still here. Not much happens. I'd be glad to get ~~to~~^{to} the sea. Me, Smithy, + Reed have got a feud on with Pancho Pankheski. We call him that because he pronounces Poncho (our raincoats) Pancho. Somebody threw a bucket of water on him today + he had just put them ^(down winter) on. Naturally he thought it was us because we were the only ones in the barracks at the time. He was standing outside the window. He won't talk to us now. When he wants to say something he gets somebody else to tell us we do the same. Reed got a bucket of water in his seabag so it looks like Pancho is getting revenge. How we would be dull around here if we didn't have him in the barracks. He keeps us in stitches 24 hours a day.

Well I got liberty tonight but I doubt
if they will let me out as I need a haircut.
I'll have to pull a smart one and change
into a row that's been inspected while the
inspection is on. I guess pop has pulled that
one during inspection. very few guys have
it. By 'needing a haircut' I mean my
hair is 3 inches long on top.

I thought I'd go swimming at Jamestown
& go to the U.S.O. over there. They have
one of the best around and it's only a small
town about Beverly's size.

I got the Refers letter and I'll
write him soon as I get time. I have
to answer one of Uncle Bills as
soon as I get through this one.

I was down to the bridge yesterday
& sent a message to a destroyer with Smitty.
I was reading it through the long glass
& Smitty was sending. He asked us
if we voted liberty last night and we
told him no. Then he asked us where

we were from & we told him Jersey. We sent
to him for about ten minutes & then he was
to far too see. The guy sending to us was
from Pennsylvania. It's a lot of fun. ~~Q~~
Our company is not on bridge watch but
my d.d company is so I can go up there
to know most of the boys.

Well, I have to close now. I hope
you're all well.

lots of love + kisses

Rich

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