

Dear Mollye:—

How are things in Wilmington and around the "Y"? After being around Fort Dix with Dave Balick for about a week and a half I was shipped clear across the country to Fort Lewis. If Dave has written to you, will you please send me his address, together with the Recorder.

We traveled first class and I got a kick out of sleeping in a berth (one thing I have never done before). On our way out we stopped in Chicago and had a swell time at the Service Men's Canteen.

This camp is located so that if I went any further West I would be rowing a boat in the Ocean. It's quite a jump from the East to the West. The first time I went to the movies, believe it or not, I met Sammy Geller. It's a funny feeling to meet someone 3500 miles from home, that's a close friend. He told me his wife is coming out here to the coast, and is expected to be here in a few days. I have been placed in a barracks with a bunch of fellows from the middle West and they have corn coming out of their ears, but they are a lot of fun. Well, Mollye, I guess that's about all for a while.

Norman Schoenberg

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Dear Mollye:—

You probably don't know me, but I know you through the Recorder. You have written twice and I have not answered you yet so here it goes. I am stationed in Dutch Harbor which is part of the Aleutians. It is a pretty sight in a travelogue but not so hot to live in. I have been here for five months and it seems all we have is winter. The weather is very bad with snow and fog predominating. About two miles from our barracks is Unalaska which has Russian designed buildings and church. We have four movie houses, a gym with all facilities, a bowling alley and a fine basket ball court. This is not bad, but far from being like home. Regards to all and Mr. Sollod.

(Censored)

Simon G. Rosen

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Dear Mollye:—

Here I am in the guardhouse writing a letter to you. No, Mollye, I haven't committed a crime so soon, I'm merely waiting my turn to guard the post. I really like Army life. Everyone is very

friendly and we have plenty of fun after hours. I feel healthier than I ever felt before and expect to pick up some weight soon. Truthfully, I really miss coming down to the "Y" at nights even though everyone had already left.

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Sol Balick

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What a time we had getting settled. Only 2500 people in the town. We certainly need a car out here. No place to go and hot as hell. How did you like that picture in the paper. Regards from Judy.

(Lt.) Dan Ehrenfeld

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Dear Mollye:

Well I'm on my way toward the Coast. Right now I'm on a train in the St. Louis Car Yard. This has been a pretty good trip so far. I've really seen a lot of country I never thought I'd ever see, but that's what you get when you join the Navy. We have a Pullman train and 26 men to a car. It's really nice going to bed and getting up without making your own bed. We have two diners and eat our meals right on the train. All we do is eat, sleep, read, write and play cards, and look at the scenery.

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I received recently a "Y" Recorder in which cousin Siggy Lipstein's poem appeared. I reiterate with the following humble ode:

I read my cousins poem;
For thought, there was some food.
Just one thing to criticize,
The dejected attitude.

I appreciate the sentiment
And though its very true,
Just for a lift in spirit
Here is my point of view:

Dear ones, back home, don't worry,
Put your mind and soul at ease;
For that is most important
To us here overseas.

And don't be too expectant,
'Cause War is just like "Rome".
It can't be thru in just one day
Or else we'd all be home.

And if our health concerns you,
Put your worries on the shelves,
And just take care of you for me ..
We'll take care of ourselves.

Yes! this war's a nightmare,
But a nightmare is just a dream.
And someday you'll awake to find
Things aren't what they seem.

One statement lives forever;
Unaltered . . . come what may.
Old wise men brought these words
to us
"This too shall pass away".

And so, dear cousin Siggie,
Although we're far apart,
I send this thought across to you,
To dry the tears in your heart.
(Censored)

(Lt.) Lenny Lipstein

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Dear Mollye:—

Just received your letter, feeling fine and hope you are all feeling the same. I am still in the deserts of Arizona and it sure is hot, so hot that I can fry eggs in my helmet, its about 120 degrees and it never rains. I already consumed about five pounds of sand dust. That's alright now because I developed a taste for it (vanilla). Filled my canteen with ice water in the morning and one hour later, its hot water, (I got troubles.) I don't mind it now, I could go through anything at any time. I am sorry I can't see Irv. Finkle as I am 350 miles away. Of course Arizona has its good points, there is a place called "Aqua Caliente Hot Springs" where I take mineral baths twice a week. It really is

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The letters in the Recorder are becoming more interesting as the fellows and WAVES-WAAC's, etc., spread out over the globe. I only wish I could write of my doings, but no can do.

All for now Mollye. Keep the letters and Recorders coming this way. Regards to all.

(Censored)

Ernie Reiver