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Dear Mother:

Got your clippings and letter today - always look forward to both - Sometime when you have the time - write a real long letter and tell me everything.

I miss you an awful lot Mother and hope you aren't working too hard. I really hate you having to live alone now but know you must be able to rest more. Hope so anyway.

New roomers sound real nice - sweeping the sidewalk - maybe they will keep up their good work.

Little Margie Ruth is making me happier than I ever thought I'd be, Mother. She is sweet, very pretty (everyone says so) and just the one for me. Very glad I got her right off, just the result of luck I reckon.

I can sit at home with her and actually

feel like I really belong right where I am, real settled on something. You've got a wonderful daughter-in-law.

School is getting terribly boring anymore. We start at 7:30 AM, go 5 hours in the morning and three in the afternoon. So far, with the exception of the month's cutting at Camp Wood, we have been studying general subjects.

Before very long we start studying actual equipment, radios, telephones, etc. Might get more interesting as it goes along. We change into OD's the 15th. Bout time too as it gets pretty chilly in the mornings now and then. It's raining just now - really feel good.

Know what? - I'm just about to get fat. Probably weigh close to 150 - with clothes on - only most of it is concentrated in my lil stomach. Nothing fits around the waist anymore. Have been playing Basketball at the Post gym now and then to try to melt my gut down a little.

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one thing that helps build it up is our night life. Most nights Marge and I read in bed till we're sleepy and then just go to sleep - simple as that. Feels wonderful but guess it's a lazy life. Occasionally, however, we do get out. Couple next door for TV. Couple over in Rumson for TV - that's all the people around here do - watch TV. If you want to talk to them - Gotta wait till the commercial comes on. Conversation among groups anymore is a lost art.

Last night we really went wild. ~~At~~ out and went to a show. Had fun too.

Margie Ruth is really destructive lately. Think she told you about her collision. Just now we were throwing water on each other and I was holding the (kitchen or living room) door shut against her. I let go just as she pushed and she rammed the door against the wall so hard she broke clear through the plaster + wall board. Hall looks awful but the door hides it.

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My clothes came yesterday Ma - thanks a lot. The way they were packed so neat and efficient like started me thinking

Seems like everything you've ever done for Margie Ann and I has always been done real quickly, neatly and damn good.

We never never have or never could make up to you for all the things you've given up and done for us.

There hasn't ever been a single time in my life Ma when I really wanted or needed something that you haven't got it or done it for me. Guess I've been as selfish as anybody ever was. I've just got to tell you now that my love for you Ma, is very very deep. You know I have always loved you very much but guess I'm just now beginning to appreciate the things you've done for me. Seems you've always had to work hard and maybe you will for a while longer but maybe it will a little help to know that you've been the best mother a guy could ever ask for. Always giving up something for us. You'll have no trouble keeping faith in God as you go along Ma - Part of you is God.

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You might think I'm getting a little sentimental. Well I am - I intend to and I mean every bit of what I have said with all my heart.

Every night Mary and I - just before we go to bed - get on our knees beside the bed and say the Lord's prayer out loud together. Then we have a silent little prayer for whatever we want. It seems real nice.

Mama, you are always the first one I pray for in that little prayer. I ask the Lord to watch over you and give you strength.

Just wanted you to know that I think of you each night in that way.

Been wanting for a long time ^{to} ^{all you} how I feel. Now is as good a time as ever. I know Margie Ann feels the same.

Mother, if you really want to buy a T.V. set, and I sure hope you do, let us know if you want us to get you one up here. Prices are lots cheaper.

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We could bring it down with us
in December if you wanted to wait that
long. Just let us know.

I hope the job doesn't get you down.
at least think about not having
a g + val cursing around all time.

Maybe after it gets cleared up it
will be easier. Why don't you wait
and see. And Mother listen - if you
happen to get in a tight sometime -
write me pronto. We have managed to
put away \$300 so far to take us over
when we get out. Want need it tell them so
if you need some just let us know.

I guess I'd better love now Mother.

I love you -

He or wants soon

all my love.

Jim.