

January 15-1943

Dear Mother: Here I am again.  
The weather is foggy this morn-  
ing. I slept like a log last  
night we did a pretty good  
days work. Did I tell you  
that we are going to New Orleans  
when ever they get the truck  
fixed, that is the one that  
had most trouble, and we  
are going to get some more.

pants. I also need a rain  
I might get another pair  
shoes because I had  
in two pairs of them a  
that only left me with  
good pair. I mean real  
looking I haven't seen  
my clothing at all men's  
now. The jumper costs \$9.<sup>75</sup>  
and shoes \$4.25. I told you  
I received the box ok. There  
were two letters from us

January 8 - 1943  
3:30 pm.

Dear Mother.

This is another workless day. I didn't get up until 8:15 this morning, the liberty truck went out last night and the officer in charge went some where else, he must have been drunk because he didn't wake up the cooks for breakfast until 8 am. I don't care how much they lie in bed either. We don't have to work any more until Monday morning we can't go away from the camp for those days but I don't care.

I also got paid I drew \$85.00. How does that sound. I'll be able to pay Hawthorne back and also Skinner. and then the other 5 on the mess fund then pay my tithes and I'll be square until I have to pay again on the mess fund. I intend to buy a pair of work shoes too when I get my check ~~checked~~ cashed. I had to chop a little wood this morning for the fire but that wasn't hard to do. I carried the wood & the fellow who stays in the same room with Hawthorne has a

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<p>portable power saw and he sawed thru wood as fast as I could carry it. We have enough for several days now.</p> <p>I got a letter from Nelson + Vernon today none from you. I will probably get 2 tomorrow. Vernon is going to be examined the 6th of Jan so he said. He said he hadn't told anyone yet. He also would like to be here with me. He is a fraud that he won't pass examination.</p> <p>I got 4 cards yesterday. One from Lotus + Carl at the backs, Paul Gail + Pittner. They were delayed in getting to me because they had been held up at the Yacht Club.</p> <p>We aren't going to Biloxi now, we are going to finish wrecking this camp and then go to Vicksburg Miss. It seems like I am going further south doesn't it. There are 3 camps at Vicksburg that will take some time to wreck them. another thing they are in or near town. I sure would like to find a Full Gospel church there.</p>						

One of these days I am going to have to send my letters + cards home. I'll let you know when I do. Vicksburg is a town of 25,000 about the size of Ottumwa. Maybe I can get a leave when we get there. I would like to make it from there or maybe we will move closer to home. There surely must be a lot of Navy boys in town by now. You should see how the girls go for the sailors when they hit an inland town like we are here or at Ottumwa. He will probably be here for a week now or more. It shouldn't be more than a week. He can't tell for sure that we will be sent there but we will go to Vicksburg unless orders are changed.

I think I told you that I received the box O.K. The shaving lotion was broken and I have a very nice smelling pair of Underwear pants. I slept in them last night they sure felt good. Our little stove won't hold fire all night and consequently the place cools off. Sometimes someone will put a

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						<p>little wood on the fire when they happen to get up in the night. I guess that is all Dean say right now. I still love you and baby, and the more that I see of this world and its ways the better I like home. I don't think I would trade my lot for all of some of these wide open cities in La. I imagine Attunwa is about as bad now.</p> <p>I guess I'll close now thanking God for you and home and my money which came today.</p> <p>Goodbye, with love Le Grand</p>