

Fort Bragg, N.C.

June 21, 1942

Jo.

Didn't you receive an insured package I sent you? I had another fellow mail it for me because we were leaving. This fellow says he mailed it, but since you don't say anything about it in your letter, I wonder. Let me know whether you received it or not.

Last week we returned from the most miserable week of our lives. We were away on another maneuver on the coast, near a Marine Base, at New River N.C. It rained every day we were out. Everything we had with us became soaking wet. Every single article of clothing was soaked. We slept on the wet ground in damp blankets and wet clothing. With a thousand mosquitos and horse flies for company. We slept under mosquito netting, but sometimes

they dive bombed us and managed to break through the netting. The chiggers also dealt us misery. Our bodies were ~~for~~ literally covered with them. Chiggers in case you don't know, I didn't until until we came to the South, are similar to a wood tick only the chigger is microscopic and twice as itchy as the wood tick. Because ^{they} it is so small they are very hard to get rid of. A fellow just has to wait until they naturally leave. We have found but one remedy for them (don't laugh!). fingernail polish. Just smearing a little on the bite forms a film over the chigger thus killing it.

Getting back to the trip we had a most miserable time. To top things off the sea was so rough we all became sea sick it was unbelievable. I thought I had seen it rough before, but never like this.

Sorry to hear of your breaking up or thinking about it. What is the matter are things going tough with you.

Since we are getting a raise I have a proposition to make with you. I'll tell you about it later. Soon as we are sure when we are to get this raise.

For Uncle's birthday I think I'll buy a book of Defense Stamps and send to him.

In regard to your present it was guaranteed not to tarnish.

I heard from Barrie. She says she likes it where she is. Is she thinking of giving up her school? Or is she going to continue with it when the fall term comes around? Try to talk her into finishing high school if possible. You know the situation better than I, and can act accordingly.

It is terribly hot. All of these smears on the paper are from drops of perspiration. I just can't keep myself dry.

That is some idea of attracting soldiers attention. I wish some girl would try that on us. But no such luck. When we go to town we have a choice of five things to do, eating, walking going to a movie, getting drunk or coming

to camp. After the first meal we no longer feel like eating anymore so that eliminates one. We are tired of walking and there is no fun in getting drunk so that is two more. Usually there is only one movie we haven't seen, and it is very seldom any good. That leaves us one more thing we can do, ~~we~~ go back to camp, sooo we do just that, when we get to camp we wish we were somewhere else. That is why this is so hard to take. A fellow just can't find his place, no matter where he is. There is nothing we can look forward to. Oh, we just have a wonderful time!

Bob Hope has not been here, but Kay Kyser will be here this week.

Return Harry's hello for me.

I seem to have run out of gossip so I'll close. Answer soon, for it seems we will be here for some time. By that I mean we will be here in the States. Oh! I almost forgot I received the picture. Thank you! it is very very nice.

Bye now your brother

Pete.