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May 4, 1944
This is Thurs nite.

Dearest Sweetheart:

Well, honey here we are at 208 N. Walnut again. We came in about 2:30. Dad had some business to do and too, I got a fist full of bills. The light & gas and a few others so Dad took them & paid them, so that is off my mind. I got some groceries, too. Now I have to pay Charlie yet, and a $\frac{1}{2}$ coal bill yet. I should really save a little this month. But I have to start getting new diapers and shirts and a few other things. Judy sure wore out every thing. I want to get a new nite gown too yet. Money sure don't last long in this day. I just wonder where I would be if I had the smoking habit. I average one show

a week. But I am not complaining as long as everybody is healthy and you are contented and well taken care of.

I got a letter from Baltimore M. D. today from you. It sure must be nice around there. I'm sure glad that everything is so nice for your hours of relaxation. It makes it easier to go back knowing you enjoyed yourself. I wish I was with you to see some of those things. But just tell me all about it and see everything you can.

You really must of had an appetite for breakfast honey. 4 rolls & coffee. Photo is fine. That shows your appetite is still good. Was that all free?

Honey, I wasn't worried about your going to church, I just wondered if there always was churches around, if it would be hard to find a Catholic church, always.

I had supper ready for the folks tonite after they got back from Father Schenk's place. Then Mother stayed with the kids while I went to confession. So I guess I'll get up early tomorrow morning as I will go to communion. Lucille went to work in Lincoln cafe. Lois Hammers works there after school and weekends. She made $\$12$ last week. I guess Lucille wants to try her hand at hashing. They are certainly crying for help, and the prices they don't pay. The folks went home about 9 o'clock. Mother thinks your picture is so real it could talk. Donnie kissed you, Judy said Daddy. There was a picture of a sailor on the back of a magazine Bob was reading, she points to it and says Daddy. She remembers alright don't think she doesn't. There was a stroller on the street today

and do you know she wouldn't pass it up. She went up to it, and tried to crawl in it. Was she mad when we took her away. Hap at Fairway gave her a cookie. Emma was there buying groceries, she got Don potatoe chips & candy. Pop came in later. He wanted to take Don down to the house, but Don didn't want to go. They said they sent you Chuck's address. They wrote you last nite. I guess Chuck is really disgusted with his location now. I guess it is a hardening up process. He doesn't know for how long he will be there as yet.

Donnie is reading comic books. He can sit and look at a book for the longest time. You can tell he is nearing school age. His questions if why are really something. Where ever he goes with me in his sailor pants, they say, "so you have your

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I called Maxine, and she was really bluing. Moon left last nite! So I know how she felt. She just wants to get to live with him down there if he stays there. There is a school for Navy Chaplains in Williamsburg and there is where Father Quinn is being sent. He hasn't left as yet. You know him don't you now.

Ernie is able to be up part time now. I guess it is her kidneys. She wants to go home Sunday. Do you ever hear from Jerry or Clayton?

I wonder how Mel is coming? There was a letter waiting for me when I came back. Helen wrote the folks today saying she might not be home Sun. as she might have to work. Mother wants to house clean a room upstairs over the weekend. Lelma will be home before you know it. Her birthday is the 14 of this month. Mother got her a \$⁷⁵ fountain pen. Not bad is it. She will enjoy it too.

Well how our son is getting tired. so I will say nite nite my darling. I love you and I wish you here to give me a kiss and a hug. Your darling kids sent all their love & kisses to their good Daddy. Extra special XXXX
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