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27 MAY 1946
NEW LONDON, CONN.

DEAR BILL & IRENE:

JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME AND I'LL HAVE A NOTE TO YOU BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.

I GOT A COMMUNICATION TYPEWRITER TO WORK WITH NOW AND THE DAMN THING ISN'T ANY GOOD AT ALL. MINE WAS WRECKED WHEN THE SHIP HIT THE ROCKS OFF CAPE COD CANAL WHEN I WAS HOME. SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I'M NOT AROUND. DAMAGE YOU OUGHT TO SEE THE BOTTOM OF THIS THING. REALLY TORE IT UP. IT HAS BEEN IN DRYDOCK FOR A MONTH AND WILL BE HERE TIL THE 15 OF NEXT MONTH. A PRIVATE SHIPYARD ON TOP WHICH MAKES IT ALL THE BETTER AS NO NAVY IS AROUND. COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE AND NO DAMN SEA-GOING BELL HOPS AT THE GATE. YOU SHOULD TRY AND TYPE WITH ONE OF THESE DAMN THINGS AFTER YOU ARE USED TO A REGULATION TYPE. COME WEDNESDAY AND I GET A NEW REMINGTON, WOULD SOONER HAVE A UNDERWOOD BUT BEGGER CAN'T BE CHOOSY.

WHAT IS THE LATEST HOT DOPE AROUND YOUR NECK OF THE WOODS STILL FEELING GREAT. OR IS EVERYBODY WAITING FOR ME TO COME BACK AND WIN IN KENO AGAIN. NEVER WILL FORGET THAT. OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR BELL BOTTOM TROUSERS AGAIN. GUESS I SANG IT A LITTLE LOUD THAT NIGHT. WELL WE HAD FUN ANYWAY.

IF YOU SEE SALLY AROUND TELL HER SHE HAD BETTER GET HOT AND ANSWER THAT LETTER OR ELSE. I'M TOUGH, IF YOU DOUBT MY WORD, JUST ASK ME AGAIN.

BEEN ON TWO WEEK-ENDS SINCE I'VE BEEN BACK ONE IN NEW YORK AND THE OTHER BOSTON.....NICE PLACE.

HOW IS THE FARM AND FOLKS? GUESS I KINDA HAVE THAT TURNED AROUND, WELL AS LONG AS YOU GET THE GENERAL IDEA. DON'T MIND ME.

GUESS IT IS TIME FOR ME TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, SOMEBODY JUST YELLED HE WAS GOING TO GET A KNIFE. I DON'T LIKE THEM THEIR THINGS ONE BIT. HE MIGHT HURT SOMEBODY. I BELIEVE IT WAS IN A JOKE THOU.

THIS IS STILL THE MOST ROTTEN SHIP IN THE WHOLE NAVY, ASK THE GUYS THAT SAIL IT? IT SO DAMN ROTTEN, THEY WANT TO HOLD ABOUT FIVE OF US FROM RECEIVING OUR DISCHARGE THE 15 OF NEXT MONTH. SO HELP ME IT WONT DO ANY GOOD TO HOLD ME UNLESS THEY STAND OVER ME AND WATCH ME WORK. THE OTHER FOUR SAYS THE SAME THING. I GO SEE THE CHAPLIN.

COME THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH THIS BARGE GOES TO NORFOLK AND THEN TO ORANGE TEXAS TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE INACTITIVE FLEET. WHY THEY DIDN'T LET THIS THING SINK WHEN THEY HAD A CHANCE TOO I WOULD SURE LIKE TO KNOW. THE GUYS WORK TWO DAYS SAVING IT WHEN IT DID HIT THE ROCKS.

TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY, AND SOMETHING NEW WIL COME UP A CAN GRIPE ABOUT.

WILL TELL EVERYONE HELLO AND WHAT HAVE YOU THAT GOES WITH IT.

BE SEEING YOU IN JULY, I HOPE AHOPE.....
.....THIS CAN GO ON FOR INDEFINITE.

ONE OF THE CHAIN GANG, AND I DO MEAN
GANG.....

*Hey That's me
F is for Jerry
C is for Chris
S well it takes
to long to spell it out
so Good Night*