

10 May 1946  
V Day minus 54

Dear Ones -

I called Brooklyn tonight to let them know that I won't be there until tomorrow - my plan is to check the office and then take off at 9:00 to catch a train that will get me to New York at 2:00 PM - E.S.T. I mean I'm going and given no coming back. Ruthie reports that she has me all fixed up.

Last night when I went to services, Ruth Aronson asked me to preach but and to give the talk. So on the spur of the moment, I talked for ten minutes about the necessity of individuals taking community responsibility and the general problem of attitudes - my tack was the anniversary of V-E day. Later on we had an excellent discussion in which my insistence on a basic idealism and optimism came under heavy fire. I don't think that I could live with myself were I burdened with the pessimistic



overtones which cropped up in the expressed  
opinions of many of the men there. One  
thing is encouraging - at least they are  
thinking and are willing to speak up - that  
is half the battle of constructive thought.  
When those men get going, it is another  
reminder of the opportunity that the Army  
missed in Information and Education. Next  
week I'll conduct services and one of the  
men will speak.

Oh for now - early to bed -

Yours,  
Jimmy

Regards to Dad.