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Dear Ones.

another day another dollar. Set up, etc.  
walked around a while and spent the morning at  
the beach. I'll send out laundry today. The PK is  
well stocked with Nacherai; I also have to pick  
up a pair of dip-in sun glasses - I took mine  
in the boat. I can get them here. I will now  
continue my yesterday's letter. I got 2 more letters  
from home in the P.M. mail delivery. Also a note  
from Neil Clark - apparently he is on the move  
again. I have written Uncle Sam. I will write  
V-mail to De Wolfe, Wiggins, + The Enter Bulletin.  
+ really have a job to catch up.

That's tough about Peter Silverstone; also  
Billy Brown. A lot of ASTA, air Corps etc are being  
shaved into infancy.

Thank you for your reports on Grandpa Bernstein.  
I am glad he has pulled through so well. The  
summer will be a golden opportunity for him to  
gain his strength and his vigor. Just being at  
family's Minkoff should do the trick. I wrote  
him a short V-Mail note, as I did the Thumans.  
I will write Sam Raylin tonight.

The school committee pay problem is interesting.  
Your letter was very sound, Mother. You are probably  
right in seeing Pittland's lack of imagination. Are  
you going to run for the School Board?

Now for your letters, Daddy!



I will read the review of Hans Kohn's book, at  
least, Daddy. as I wrote to Mother yesterday.  
space & weight are so crucial in my baggage  
that I just can't ask for anything. Add to this  
the problems of shipping - it's just not wise. I have  
plenty of provocative reading in those future  
articles for the while. You will probably receive  
many long letters from me on my pet subjects  
when news is scarce and I have the time. Your  
thought that world reconstruction will be a felt open  
to me, is a very pertinent idea; I have not ignored  
it in my thinking. Incidentally, getting back  
to Kohn - I audited his summer school course and  
read two of his volumes - he is not too profound -  
maybe this new book is his masterpiece. He is  
primarily an intellectual publicist, to my mind;  
a level or two above Walter Dillmann and men of  
his position.

as for my crushes & infatuations - and your  
desire of a picture of my "type" - my instability  
proves that there is no "type". I do like brunettes -  
preferably slim - but beyond that it depends on  
how hard up I am and on my reaction to  
personality. I get over these crushes very  
quickly but the correspondence (Indiana, Ohio,  
California) lingers on. Ah me!

your "9 out of 10 prefer coffee" story is very



good - I had heard it not about Wheaties and  
Corn Flakes. Your letters certainly run the  
gauntlet of subjects, Daddy, and it is well.

In reference to the length of the war in the  
Pacific - even ~~you~~ here is pessimistic on the surface  
but inwardly is thinking wishfully of a quick  
return. They say "Golden Gate in '48" but  
hope for "end of war in '44, or, man alive, in '45."  
I want to be "back in the sticks by '46!!"

May 10 was the date of your letter on the other  
goods case and the Swiss milk case. Very interesting,  
you certainly run into a variety of problems.  
and the way you present them makes them  
doubly enjoyable. Thanks for the report on  
uncle Sam and Kander. Don't worry about your  
repeating what Mother writes. Sending the news  
from both neighbors. Also I note that Mother  
failed to mention Jack Sunday + all that you  
wrote about a heritage of good books. I wonder  
why! (?) Don't worry I already have  
realized what my heritage is - and books play  
but a small role - it is mostly what you and  
Mother are - that's my real heritage.

Thanks for your picture of the Markers -  
Paul with a cigar!! The news about Eddy +  
Sam Weiner certainly is good. Mr. pay to them!



what does Percy Sacharoff's new appointment mean? Is he at Seavernmouth? I got a copy of your report on the army dependency forms. You know the line "Short the page, waste time, make 7 copies, and stay away from headquarters." and the famous gag like "arrange these letters in alphabetical order and then burn them" and "you can destroy these files but make sure you have certified copies for the adjutant general." Well, that's the army.

and that brings me up to date. Incidentally I am in grade 10 months today. It is getting late now. I still have about 10 letters to write: Judy, Chris (2), Indiana, school chums - I am writing v-mail - short snappy notes to a lot of people. After all, there is really no real news except just being here. It is easy to write when answering letters but difficult otherwise.

until tomorrow -

Love -  
Sammy