



# Easter Greetings

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Dear ones,

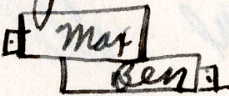
well, either its all over or it is just beginning. I've have just come from my last interview for O.C.S. I was not very bright; I wasn't "on the ball" as they say. I had to say "I don't know, sir" too many times when one thought and a little common sense would have supplied the answers. Oh, well, its over, next time if I don't make it this time - I'll know & do better. I shall know my fate within 2 weeks.

Perhaps I had better explain



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where I'm visiting from - the d.s.o.  
in Petersburg. Last night we  
got our passes and I got to  
Petersburg in time to go to the  
jacob's home with Mr. jacob - I  
met him in town. The home of  
the Ben jacob was very pleasant.  
(It is a queer duplex house with  
Mr. Max jacob's family occupying  
the other half. It strikes me, <sup>as being</sup> so  
different that I will have to  
describe the house to you. The  
two entrances are on different streets.  
The Max j.'s live above the Ben  
j.'s - . It really was  
a two family house - but there is  
no stairway connecting the two  
homes). But enough about





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home - it's important - I  
guess getting a day off makes  
me want to write everything. We  
got there at 6:30. Mr. & Mrs. Jacobs, their  
children, Elaine (12) and Alvin (20 - in U-7  
naval Reserve at U. of Richmond), the  
Max Jacobs, the two grandmothers, and  
a Lieutenant Bloom + his wife were  
there for the seder. It was very  
pleasant - the atmosphere was  
homelike - we skipped most of  
the Hagaddah - but the Lieut. (out  
of O.C.S. + married only 3 weeks) could  
really ring so that he carried the  
burden for us who were unorientated  
in the excellent wine and food. I  
tried to put in a call to Patton



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but it would have taken 3 hours  
which would have been too late.  
anyway. I slept with the other  
Jacob, upstairs. Their son is at  
Columbia in the Navy training  
program. I had his bed.

I got up at 9, ate well, took  
a haircut, and got myself invited  
to Mrs. Lavenstein's for supper  
tonight. I returned to camp, got  
spiced and spanned, wrote  
research in a whirlwind fashion,  
and called forth for D.C.S. I  
had to wait there for 2 hours  
before my interview. I then  
took a bus to Delerking and in  
a few seconds I will leave the





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U.S.O. where I am  
missing this and descend  
upon the caverns. I plan to  
get back in ample time to get a  
good night's rest.

I don't want to be late  
as I will close now. Pray for me on  
the OCS business - I will hope  
those officers were unsympathetic  
than they looked.

Sgt.  
Shannon

I will write letters to my hostesses  
immediately.



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