

May 15, 1944

Dear Sumner:

It was pleasantly surprising to receive a letter from you written on the 7th. We had assumed that you were on the high Pacific seas and maybe you are at this writing. We can only guess because obviously you can give us no information, not even a hint; but we are thankful, deeply thankful that we have heard from you this morning. Your letter started the day right.

Mrs. Marble was in the office this morning and, of course, she knew of Paul's visit to us Saturday night. She told me that Miss Fairchild, who was with him, is the niece of Mrs. James A. Farley, The Farley, and is attending Westbrook Junior College. She is sweet on Paul. Well, he is traveling in the right circles; but I never have had any worry about him. He is the type of a chap who can well take care of himself and, in my humble opinion, will be a success. I have always been fond of him, as you know, especially as he is so fond of you. It will be a great day when you all get back and hold a reunion. Our home will be wide open and what a time you will have ribbing each other and boasting of your contributions to the winning of the war.

Mrs. Marble also told me that Jackie practises two hours a day on the piano. He certainly married a marvelous girl, cultured, refined, and she is the type of a girl that parents wish for their sons as wives. He has matured a lot and is a serious minded chap. You know that he is a full lieutenant in the Navy and is flying. What pleased me most was that he wants to go back to college at war's end and get his degree. Junior is happy in his work and, as I think I have already told you, is now a second lieutenant in the engineering corps. He is gaining a lot of experience which will stand him in good stead when he returns to civilian life.

It is cheering to write you cheerful news and I hope to God you will be able to reply in kind.

Affectionately,

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