

July 13

Dear Ones,

3 letters today - also notes from Judy and Fred League who is up North somewhere with a signal company. We have another bridge game tonight and I am dabbling in some orientation tomorrow morning here in Headquarters company. I will probably write my commentary on the Republicans over the weekend. I sure have a fistful of material.

You certainly ~~are~~ doing good work for the "asserman girl. Hope you like the mirror, HB. I can understand Uncle Lou's lack of enthusiasm - although it undoubtedly is a job he is suited for by his training. I think your decision on the NAM committee was a wise one. Awfully glad that Lou Raybin will be able to set himself straight at Law School; things may turn out well after all. Louis Black must be a marvelous soldier! You ask what Service Command does: ~~is~~ is the clearing house for the functions of the Army Service Forces like supply, personnel etc., for this island; it is the administrative headquarters, exactly what its name implies.

In your letter, Daddy, you say that when I return I will take Helen Babsy out to dances etc. Brother, when I return I expect there to be a stag line so thick around my little sister that I won't even get a ~~pan~~ glimpse of her unless I stand on tip toes.

This is going to be a short letter, I am afraid. 14th

Just came from the orientation - I think it went over okay. I harangued them for about 15 minutes, did everything but review the entire history of the world in that time. The test will come next week when we try to start discussion. Tonight I have orientation down in the company; a busy day.

Last night bridge had some unusual hands: the best from my point of view was this one:

I held: S- AK62	my partner had: S- 5
H- 3	H- AK4
D- A7653	D- QJ109842
C- AK4	C- Q6

With 5 blank honor value I opened one diamond; my partner answered 3 diamonds. I blackwooded him to find his Ace of Hearts and jumped to 7 diamonds. Cold, of course, the missing King was singleton since we had 12 trump between us. On the whole it was a good evening of bridge, alot of good play.

That is it for now. Love and kisses -

