

July 29th

Dear Ones-

Yesterday I went up to the 162nd Infantry and found Ned Hanscomb. I had a few seconds so we stopped to talk; we plan to get together soon - it is a little awkward since he is an enlisted man but I never let that bother me. He is a small, well-built kid; I guess he has got kicked around in the army. He lives out on Mass Ave in South Portland now, so he tells me. It gave me a real lift to meet someone I had known from home.

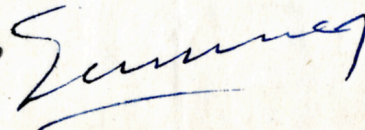
We played softball yesterday - my first exercise in a long time; last night - I had seen the movie "Tampico" before - I played some bridge. The weather has been fairly warm in the past two days.

The noon airmail has brought your letter of the 18th. Give my best to Aunt Pearl - I am glad she could come. Your viewpoint on the Center is absolutely right - community projects must be Center sponsored, it must be the coordinating agency, not merely the physical headquarters for all the separate organizations. I am glad Daddy is back in the Legion and is getting into the swing of things. What did the Jewish War Veterans say? When I get home I am going to be a real "joiner." As for my needing anything out here - I need nothing; don't worry I will write if I do.

I had an interesting discussion the other day with the boys and a very interesting point was brought up: most of the Republicans, if they do talk of internationalism favorably, have come around only recently. Bricker is still anti police-force. Dewey was anti lend-lease two weeks before Dunkirk. The point is that these men - add to them the majority of Republican Senators (and Southern Democrats) like Wallace White - are not farsighted; it took Pearl Harbor to convince ~~many~~ of them that we have a stake in the welfare of the rest of the world. We need men with perception, with the ability to analyze such questions correctly in advance, with the conviction to take the action logically following their analysis. Anyone can change when he is staring the cold fact of change in the face; we need the men who can prepare us for change, who will not be caught short when, if ever, it dawns upon them. To say that FDR and his cabinet and his government is always right or is clairvoyant is folly. But his record is worlds above that of his opponents; we have no reason to trust their judgment. The next four years are going to be world shaking and world making - I am not ready to trust the junior G-man racket buster with that awing responsibility.

That is about it for today. Ned Hanscomb just called up; he's coming down and I will pass on my Press Herald's to him. OK for now. I want this to catch the noon delivery.

Love,



Regards to Doris