

INLAND MANUFACTURING DIVISION

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

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Hello Sgt. Bud!

Well, here it is Labor Day and we are laboring! Dad did not have to go to work today - There are two plants to this American Aircraft Co. and one plant had to be shut down today for some reason or another, which meant that the other one would have to shut down tomorrow because of some arrangement in which the work is - so they decided to both shut down today. Jim is changing jobs AGAIN so he is home today, too.

Mabel and Ileen drove down Saturday and big Myron surprised us all by FLYING down Saturday evening. They are going back today. He did not tell Mabel he was planning on flying after work Saturday night because he was not sure he would get a reservation. Dad and Mom and Mabel were out playing cards and Jean and Ileen and I went to a show and when we came home there was a MAN sleeping on the swing - Myron! So we took him over to this Florence's were Mom and Dad were. We have had a very nice visit with them.

Bud, if and when you get a furlough, and if it is long enough, and if Aunt Maggie is still alive - would you like to take the train to Cleveland on Saturday evening, go out to see Aunt Maggie Sunday - and come home Sunday afternoon? She would love to see you and we were wondering, considering all the "ifs" above, IF you would like to do that.

Also Myron gave us some other valuable information. You have perhaps never noticed, but your Bonds, and most others of people who do not know, are made out "Stanley G. Martin" P.O.D. "Mrs. Jessie H. Martin". The P.O.D. means "Payable on death" and Myron says that in order to collect, that is for Mom too, on Bonds made out that way it requires going through some kind of court red tape and then you have to pay inheritance tax, etc. so that you end up by not getting \$18.75 for your Bond but possible less than \$14.00. He told all of us to do so, and to tell you to do so, to go to your Commanding Officer and tell him you WANT your bonds to read "Stanley G. Martin" OR "Mrs. Jessie H. Martin". That means the Mom can cash the Bonds at any time without any red tape. Of course, I am just using your name as an example - my Bonds are made out the same way, so are Jean's and we are all going to have them changed. Dad did not have a beneficiary on his but he is going to take care of it this morning and have them make it out "OR". I think that is a very good thing to know - the Government is pretty smart in wording it that way - but it is much better to have it worded "OR" instead of "P.O.D." So I suggest you have it changed as soon as possible.

Myron suggested that when you come home you cash in the Bonds you now have and buy new ones right away and have them made out "OR" instead of "P.O.D."

The retreat is going to be next Sunday, which will be too early for you to attend, unless by some Miracle you are home that week end. Wish you could be.

*Jim look at it
apparently*

*candidly. What you'll see and smell & the excitement.
then decide. It's an honorable service alright &
I know you have the physical make-up.
You'll eat some awful food and*

Jim is all set (seems to be) to try and get in the Marines! If you think he is foolish write him - see if it will have any bearing. We don't seem to be able to have any effect on him. I think there is not as much to be learned in the Marines which will be of benefit to him in making his living in the future, as he can get out of the Army Air Corps or the Navy Air Corps, but of course I don't know much about either one. What do you think? Of course, Mabel and Myron said, let him join the Marines it is wonderful - just because Mino is in it.

The enclosed picture is just for you to look at, but send it back to me, it is mine. Unless, of course, you would really like to keep it, if you would just say so and I can have another made. Helen is sending you one but not like this one.

Had a letter from Fred Saturday but it did not say anything. He can't, of course. But that is the first I have had since he left Dayton.

Sam Finley is in New Boston, Texas in the Military Police. His wife is with him. The following is Jim Korte's address - sometime maybe you would like to send him a line - he would be glad to hear from you.

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*Navy is a
fine unit, very
clean & plenty of action*

*you'll be strictly on your own. Practically alone with your personal problems
but this is what makes most fellows stumble
their backs on
the problems
to come do not
These who have
the inside stories
come out in style*

Well, I have to get to work, my boss is doing a lot of prancing! By the way, that was a nice letter you sent Jim - but you are a rascal! Keeping us waiting until Tuesday or Wednesday for your News! Why didn't you tell us in his letter! We can't imagine what it can be - thought Instructor was unpleasant enough to you, what can this be? Don't do-ooooo that!

The best of luck always - whatever the future brings!

Lots of love from all of us,

Eileen

*I will take a real inward struggle to keep your opinion
human decency. If you will to keep it you can
My faith is what keeps me going*

By the way, when you write after this, be sure and put (10) after "Dayton, Ohio" that is our zone number and if we do not get into the habit of using it we will not get our mail without it.

Jim got your letter Saturday - not bad service.