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My Darling Wife & Sons,

Time for a few short lines from this side of the good old earth again this evening. I am in the barber shop. The first I have been able to find time to write from the shop for a few days - This is just as good a place to write from as any place that I know. If there is no one around I will be able to write a better letter. If someone comes around I'll be able to pick up a few odd cents. So no matter how things go it will be a good deal.

The last few days - maybe a week I have put two or 3 10 in a letter - one in each letter. There is so much red tape around here to go through to get a money order. They want to cut down on black market so they are putting nearly to a halt this business of sending money home only just what our pay checks amount to and I have received no check of late so I sent a few cabbage leaves along. If they come O.S. if they are lost O.S. I am still winner because you told me of a few that reached you and that is more than the army pays beside what I have spent for clippers etc.

The Radio gram that you sent reached me this evening - It was rather late but it reached me. 3 or 4 letters arrived from you ahead of the ~~letter~~ Radio gram.

Try if you are able to get hold of a barber comb or two through Joyce or Sherwin wrap them up a little and put them in an Air Mail letter. I think they will make the grade in good shape. A long envelope maybe

will hold the comb and a few sheets of paper that you
above written on. Combs are worth 95¢ each over here
and if a fellow could find a good little Barber comb he
would be willing to give 65¢ or 70¢ for it. So you can
tell just how scarce combs are.

Yes this is a great old life and the topic of
dissuasion foremost in everyone's talk is home. Some
talk of going home in 3 or 4 months others talk of
going home by 4 July still others talk of going
home by next Xmas that is 46 - Even in the schools
that have been set up every one's mind is plumb back
to the Good old U. S. A. Just fellows who can get a little
intreated in some line back on going home + raising
what they learn to make a living for a family.

Well I just cut 3 more heads of hair 6 today
on the side for the pocket book minus tything so
that is pretty good.

It's bed time now so I'll do well to close
Keep smiling my dear and don't work too hard
over the boys. Give them a big hug for me -
Remember I love yous truly -

Chin up & smile.

Richard -