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Dear Wesley:

Thanks a million for being some prompt in writing. I believe it would do your heart good to know how much interest the folks in the office have in your welfare and the genuine affection everyone has for you. Of course, one reason that such a feeling exists is because you in turn liked the folks here in the shop.

From what I hear basic training isn't any fun for a fellow over 25 years of age, and it sounds like the radio assignment would be better than the regular infantry. One thing which probably will help you when the going gets pretty tough is to realize that about ten million men and boys have gone thru the same thing.

Ernie is still at the Reception Center and does not know where he will have his basic. For about a week he has an assignment to look after entertainment and recreation for the boys in "Marble Head College" which I understand are the unlucky souls (?) whose intelligence and aptitude grades are below 70. He has the general classification of recreation and camp program, but that means about the same thing as "linotypist" until after basic is completed.

Dorothy called Mary this morning to tell her about our letter and found that she was one happy girl because two letters had arrived in her mail box this morning. I know they will miss Wesley, but you can be assured they have many friends hereabouts who will be anxious to be of help if any should be needed.

I know you won't have a lot of time for letter writing, but please remember the folks will be greatly pleased whenever you let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Dolph Simons

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