

May 13, 1942

12:10 am

L. G. H.

Fort Stevens Mass.

Dear Mom,

Have more days than I have and have my two day off

Do you know J. McCloud who worked in the 1st National store. He is at Camp Lee so perhaps Mom. will meet up with him.

It rained all night and was so hot trying to sleep today. The barracks hold the heat. Last night we had a blackout!

The entire Fort was blacked out. It was so exciting. We strapped our gas masks on as soon as we heard the siren and threw the switch brouing all the lights and Radios. It lasted about 1/2 hour.

I tried my gas mask on and almost suffocated myself. They tell you to exhale before you put it on and it has to be put on in 3 seconds or in case of gas attack you're a dead duck. Such hideous looking things though the fellows say "Take good care of them more so than any of your other equipment because it is a life saver

Well momma dear, be ready to welcome

me home next week either Monday or Tuesday

Write soon

Love to all  
Mary.