

Aug. 24, 1945
Friday morning

Dear Mildred,

I got your letter Monday morning. I guess you really are busy now with Mabel gone. How are you managing? Is she coming back or does she have to go to school now? Did Neal get his card? I thought I'd send that until I got around to writing. It keeps me pretty busy writing to ^{nearly} every member of both families. I've owed letters to Chloe Neal, Aileen, Louise, Freda and Essie for so long that they probably think I've forgotten them.

Harold just got back from the store. Eggs are almost 60¢ a dozen now. It seems like everything got higher in the last couple of weeks. I guess inflation is starting.

I'm trying to get Harold to help me get out some of these letters this morning but he won't cooperate.

Everything is going on at the base as usual. Harold had a 2 day holiday on Wed. & Thurs. ^(last wk.) but otherwise things are the same. At first the rumors were that the base would close in a few months & everybody sent to Miami, Fla. Now they say the base will continue until spring. Whatever they do, it will take several months anyway. ~~That~~ The fellows

who are getting a discharge seem to be getting them pretty fast. Harold has about 33 points so he's not "worried" about a discharge. Ha! At least we have hopes & prospects of getting a better apt. if other fellows leave. Sun. morning we went on a wild goose chase when we looked up an apt. that was ad. in the paper. The lady living at the address, given in the paper, said she didn't put the ad. in and that 50 people inquired between 8 & 10 o'clock Sun. morning. That's how scarce they are.

A new couple is moving in across the hall, next week. They're getting married Sunday - a church wedding at the Baptist church. She's Catholic & he's Christian, so I guess that's a compromise. Ha! They and their mothers were here yesterday to clean up & they just came again this morning. They're all from Pittsburgh, but a little better class than Betty & her family, I believe.

Lee hasn't come back yet. Dave came back a week ago today. I don't believe she wants to come very bad but Dave sure looks lonesome. I don't know if Irene will ever come or not but she'd better come & rescue her husband pretty soon. He's really been celebrating in every way. I guess she's just as well off at home. Dave said Johnson tried to borrow money off him yesterday & they just had payday

Monday. When Irene was still here he was gone
one time for over 3 days & she was really worried.
Then he got her a big line about going on a flight to
Neb. & being grounded. When he really was, was ~~in~~
Wichita - having a good time.

I went to the Dr. yesterday & the nurse said
everything was O.K. I've managed to keep my
weight down pretty well so far. I weigh 139 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
now. I just gained 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. since I got here.
Next time I have to go to the Dr. in the
afternoon - to see him. The hospital I'm going
to is Grace Hospital. There is a Cath. hospital here,

too. I'm still sewing - off and on. I guess I'll get
that sewing machine next week. I sewed one
dress almost completely by hand. Right now I'm
crocheting lace around a kimono & sacque. One of
the girls, living in the house behind us, showed
me how. How do you wash the clothes? Wash it
in Lux or Ivory & rinse real good, or do you put
anything in the rinse water? I bought a basket
the other day and couldn't decide whether to get pink or
blue so I got one with both.

Did Mom tell you the names we picked?
I don't know what you think of them but
they're pretty definite. Gloria or Ronnie (Ronald). I

can't decide whether to make it just Gloria or
two names. I believe I like it just as well alone.

I better quit on this letter & write some
others. At this rate I'll never get finished.

I hope you manage to get all your work
done. Is Neal ready for school? When is he
going?

Well - so long!

Love,
Emmie