

Bernard Marshall  
when Jimmie goes - sure bet to  
winning

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Dear Bob.

Received your letter of March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 I hope your  
 O.K. I'm glad your getting some mail. but I'd wish  
 your boys would get their better - I've so many on  
 the way - but surely you'll start getting them very soon  
 now. Bessie & Jimmie & Daddy are playing cards, as  
 usual. We just came back from Bourne - you see  
 Jimmie goes down Sat. for his typical & if he passes his  
 going to try to make the Merchant Marine - Bessie  
 wants to leave her furniture in the house & then rent it  
 as they can come back after this is all over - anyway, that  
 the general idea. Steve gets 1<sup>st</sup> chance at it - approved she  
 may never get here in time for that, we haven't heard a word  
 for two weeks - but I guess they are O.K. really I've been too  
 concerned about you but I just hope & pray your  
 safe & continue to be - it looks like your going to love  
 a front seat for the last & biggest show - it'll be lost  
 stand - but Miracles have happened & it may end with out  
 the struggle a lot of them are predicting, but I don't trust  
 those Nazis - I don't want you too far you probably don't.  
 I understand all of the Higher Official are predicting a  
 very early end & some think sudden & abrupt - so take it  
 easy - son - Bessie & I had a thrill for a minute today  
 we looked our heads out the back door & heard bells & shouts  
 flowing - Bessie turned her Radio on into away but it turned  
 out to be congested traffic plus a train etc -  
 N.J. is at a Party at the Tower tonight for Isabel's 18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
 Birthday - Ple's giving it - anyway everyone pay for their  
 own dinner & everyone helps pay for Isabel's - something  
 different - Dutch Party. Mrs. Christie told Daddy they  
 were going to write you & tell you all the news of the game  
 etc - I've already sent you this but you'll know



a lot more of the details of the things you do.

Bob I can't help thinking about a year ago about this time  
 you came home + surprised us - oh how another one of those  
 happy surprises - + I do really believe you will get home  
 sooner than we that you would - anyway - we can hope  
 + pray. I think one of the most beautiful songs + "I like  
 Kate Smith to sing it," is: "Just a Prayer away" - I know  
 the words really have a different meaning than what I feel  
 about it - but it could apply to you, too, anyway - I always  
 try to think of it that way - "Just a Prayer away" - Angie  
 was here to take N.J. to the party tonite - she promised  
 to come over - but I suppose she's busy - she had  
 been working nite - I guess Brownie really hated  
 to leave - I received a letter from Remy today + so did  
 N.J. - also a hand made Basket he sent to me made  
 out of Australian Coris - he sure did a nice job +  
 can imagine that he's spent a lot of hours on it -  
 I think he's really having a great time with his home  
 shoes - Well I'll get another box out now - you see a  
 box for every letter - I can dig out a lot of old ones  
 tho - I've sixty boxes here on hand to fill + I think  
 Daddy has the bill of sale for sixty more as all I  
 need to do is get busy + I hope you get some of the boxes  
 with homemade Candy in them - + cheese - catchup - +  
 + some chills + lots of cookies - Well son I really  
 + safe - + that you get your mail - I wish I could  
 help you more some how - but you can remember that  
 I'm with you always in my thoughts on those nite Patrols +  
 I pray that Dad will guide you thru these lonely  
 places + most dangerous ones - somehow I feel he will.  
 I'll write again tomorrow - Daddy says Margaret R.  
 stopped again today to inquire about you - so many ask  
 I can't remember them all - Leo Rogo died day before yesterday after  
 a long illness - again Dad + Margaret R.  
 the mom -