

Robert L. Stone to Don Stone

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Dear Don —

Really haven't time to write you a decent letter today cause I'm busy as hell, but still I want to drop you a line before you leave to help win the war.

The St. Cris arrived yesterday and it's really beautiful. Really kiddo, it's just the kind I wanted and that's not alot of bull. The nylon chain is very comfortable and I'd hardly know I was wearing anything at all — much more practical than a metal chain.

This place is really alot of laughs. The life in the barracks is funnier than a musical comedy on broadway as the fellows are a howl. There are all kinds of guys and they really make quite a conglomeration.

As yet I haven't had any classification tests although most of the fellows have. Probably the rest of us will start ours on monday. In the barracks you'd think it was Monte Carlo.

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There are always two seven-hand poker games in session, gynn games galore, and a bunch of the kids play pinochle. We're in quarantine in a restricted area for two weeks and so everybody has alot of money with nothing to spend it on and so gambling runs rampant. The other night one kid was playing crap with two other guys and he cleaned them to the time of \$45 — nice hall, eh? You'd have a field-day as there's a perpetual poker game to interest you — gosh how Jimmy would love it!

So far I've been on K.P. (we all have to take turns at it and it's no punishment) twice. We had to get up at 4:00 and work all day till the evening and boy is it a tough grind!!!

No more now as I must run to a formation. Again thanks millions for the St. Cris and the inscription on it. Also thanks muchly for the long letter. It came in the first mail any of us received and it was my first letter! Best o' luck to you in the army and let me hear from you once you get settled somewhere and I'll do likewise.

Again all luck —

Bobby

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