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Bob -

I just got your letter of the 15th. None came yesterday. I was delighted to get it, even though it reported you were not well. I hope you are better now.

Have my letters caught up to you yet? You should be a town of them.

Of course, Jim realized that his success was not marred by any personal difficulties. I hope it keeps on that way.

But from the things you say the way you say them I missed me of your letter.

I let us disagree without comment ~~at~~ with the V matter.

Jim says to hear that Bob feels the way he does. I understand just, frankly without knowing who the basis of his gripe, entirely sympathetic with him. You have to see & feel some of the things that are done to understand how one feels about them. I'd like to know what he is kind of app. I'd like to see a

letter last today & perhaps get a chance  
to write him (John).

No - don't call him dumb just  
because he doesn't like his lot. There  
may be other reasons, but not that.

I was very nice of Lydia to  
get you such a beautiful present. But,  
pardon, in disappointment. ~~It~~  
It has no intrinsic value, & it  
doesn't repair stockings.

Which reminds me. I should get  
some money for Mrs. H. And debts for L & B.  
You take care of the Mrs. H. business, after  
you agree, see calculation with L.  
And about L & B. I beg this idea which  
I am prepared to drop. Remember that  
it is unipartite by itself? Well, we are  
many, nice ones, and I'd like you to  
have a nice one. And if we get it it is a set,  
one for each of us, I could have one that fit. So,  
unless there is a sentimental value you  
attach to it, how about if we give it to L &  
B.? But if you agree, you must promise  
to either get yourself another in a bit  
we know any preference you might

how so I can get on for you.  
Fred in his connection I  
tried to get you a service - a per-  
son yesterday & again they don't  
have any and haven't had any.

Fred the few. So is an extravagance  
I thought it would be nice to have  
one only because they are good pens &  
I thought it might make my writing  
a bit more legible. I'll do whatever you  
think. They are \$12.00 each, when they leave  
them. If you think such an expenditure  
just a bit, well, maybe I'll get one. You  
might get Mommy to find out what  
they would cost her. She could get it.

About the clips: If the envelope is  
good & stout, send them along. Let me  
know when you do.

You hope my back & knee are good.  
Thank you dear, so I hope that is. The  
back is okay - better than it has been for  
a while. But the knee has troubled me  
immensely since the hike, even when I haven't  
used it, as soon as I do use it. It doesn't

trouble me when I'm off it, though.

all in all, I'm up pretty far  
shape & as I told you about my shooting.  
Though unable to get 1/2 the way that  
off, I still qualify - systematically. Most  
of the men had their lines faked.

I didn't know I was supposed to  
go to Atlanta. On what date did  
you mention that?

I got the \$5 - in time nick. And  
I have cooked a duck for \$20.00.

And now it is chess time.  
For the moment, my

I love  
Gerald

Dear - At O write this the

5/27/43 2:55p.

Situation is slightly changed. I am leaving this company, but don't know for what company or location. I'll let you know, in here or on the envelope, if I find out.

An interesting development is the future use to which this post will be put. After the men are through their training they will get, the post will be converted into a Rehabilitation Center for "Class 5" - mentally deficient & illiterate men. ~~At least they~~

9 Bye for now.

Oh yes, I dropped cards to both Ed & Bob.

A half-hour later. For some reason the past half-hour seems terribly long. There is nothing new, but I remembered something I meant to ask you to do. In case I get another pen and don't get a good one, and in case the one you are having repaired (I believe) doesn't repair well, please look up the ratings of the cheaper ones and let me know. There are Penman's and Weavers available here. I want one for red ink - the one I have isn't much good. Goodbye again for a while.

5:03 - Jim going to the 2nd Bn. tomorrow  
Tell me what the result of your talk with Ordek was.

Love  
Wald