

Thursday

Dear John -

I'm glad you got back safe and sound. What with this Korean war situation I was worried your ship might have to put in the coast. Things look pretty bad and good food prices have gone up sky high. It is in effort just to exist. Robert might not be able to go back to school next term, at least Mother can't earn enough to pay expenses. I can't been able to sell the home because it requires such a large down payment. It is just as well tho and I guess a good thing for us to keep. We only owe \$1,100 and of course the tenant pay that and someday it will give a monthly income. I am in charge of Turk's girl doing telephoning for a political campaign but it will end Aug 21st, election day. Sam was nice being boss and he pay 40.00 a week. Enclosed is your income tax. As you see you owe \$9.62. If you can't pay write and explain you are in the service.

U. S. Treasury Dept
Office of Collector of Internal Revenue
Dallas 1, Texas. Do that right away as they give ten days and this notice came yesterday
over

I understand you can claim dependents and
the government matches what you send. When
I had to borrow \$150.00 from a loan company
and had to pay back \$15.00 a month so
things are worse than ever. Don't know
if you are wasting your money or saving
it but I sure would like a little more
help. That car payment \$64.27 and rent
\$47.12 Takes what I make. Robert has been
working and giving \$25.00 a week. David
even had a decent pair of shoes. I guess
that sounds like a lot of money coming in
but as you see all our expenses are really high
and we were both out of work at the
same time and got in the hole. That is
why I had to borrow and that \$15.00 a
month just adds to the burden.
You must have looked mighty cute with
a beard. Glad you went into stocks
Did you enjoy your trip? Write me and
the news. How is the girl friend or do you
have another one by now? Had to pay your
insurance \$1.20 last week and now mine is
due. What a life! Be good son and don't
all drill drink. It is easy to start a
habit but it only causes trouble and injures
your health besides being an expensive habit
I sure hope you get your lease For mother