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Dear Betty,

I should have answered long ago — but you know how it is when you're going to school.

Tomorrow I have to go back to school to register for the summer quarter — so I thought I'd better get down to answering some letters I've been owing for a long long time. Yes, I'm having a "vacation" now.

The spring quarter ended June 30 — which was a big relief —. These 8 days have gone by so fast though — and it seems that I haven't accomplished anything.

I did get in one day of swimming (rather an attempt

at it). And then on Fourth
 of July we went out to the
 Washington Monument grounds
 to see the "Calvaries of
 Freedom" show — with such
 stars as Marlene Dietrich, Red
 Skelton, John Payne, Dennis O'Keefe,
 Paul Whitman, etc. — and
 also fireworks. What a mob!
 The papers said 325,000
 people were there — the biggest
 crowd in Washington's history.
 And there wasn't any stadium
 either. Though who bought
 bonds got seats in front
 near the stage — but the
 majority just stood — for over
 three hours too. Oh, my
 — poor feet! We were crazy
 to get into that mass, but
 once we got in we would
 have been even more crazy
 to have tried to get out.

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The people were really jammed together tight — worse than cardines.

God I hate to think of school again, especially with the terrifically hot and sultry weather we've been having. But I guess I've got to keep at it for two more quarters. There'll be a big celebration if and when I ever graduate from this place.

Are you still being faithful to Mr Lockard? I think the Waves look very attractive although I don't think I'd ever ~~give~~ trade my "civvies" for a uniform. I love my freedom too much.

I'm afraid. Remember Helen Clapham? She's supposed to be here in Harkington with the Haves, but as yet I haven't seen her.

The latest I heard Pat & June were at a camp up North (near Tahoe?), Hilda's planning for her Girl Scouts camp, and Katie's making some plans for a big athletic event this summer.

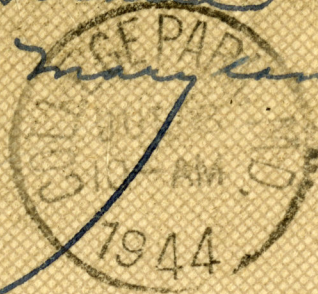
What additional news do you have to offer? Have you seen Thatch's Salome yet?

I hope I'll have more time this summer to write letters.

Until again, then.

Love,
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