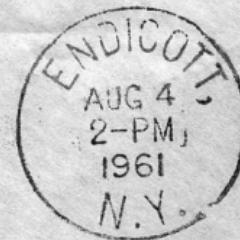


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Dear Mother, Dad and Bill,

Having spent 2½ weeks in Poughkeepsie, and 4 in New York City, I have now been transferred to Endicott for a period of approximately 7 mos. I am presently working 3rd shift (commonly known as graveyard) which runs from 12:00 midnight to 9:00 A.M. Not a bad shift, but it takes some getting used to. My schooling in New York dealt primarily with the IBM 1401 computer. This is ^{proving to be} very convenient, as the computer I am now operating, the IBM 1410, is ~~to~~ very similar to the 1401.

As contrasted to the job, which I like very much, the city of Endicott is somewhat less than a desirable place to live. Compared to Poughkeepsie, Endicott is larger and livelier (WADSWORTH), but Poughkeepsie has one ~~is~~ very definite advantage in that it is only two hours from New York City, whereas going from Endicott to New York takes 5 to 6 hours.

Thank you for the letter and the pictures of Dad and Bill (is he yet aware his ~~new~~ name is Walker?). Now, how about one of you. That's a pretty snappy looking auto you have. I assume you know that Holly and Susan have a 190 4-door sedan. As for myself, I am without transportation, last ride to work with one of my two roommates who is on the same shift as I.

Last week I was in New York City. Holly, Susan and I went sailing with Paul ~~Gilbert~~ Gimbel (of Gimbel's Department stores). He is a good friend of Holly - dating back to Yale days, and is one of the friendliest Jews - or for that matter persons - one could hope to meet. Needless to say, we had a great time. Too bad Walker couldn't have been along to give us a few pointers on sailing. We are all pretty much novices - although Susan has had quite a bit of sailing experience and seems to ~~suspect~~ know what she is doing.

~~This weekend I will probably spend a quiet weekend~~
~~This weekend will probably be without excitement,~~
 as I plan to spend it here in Endicott.

Please tell Bill I think of him often and look forward to the day we all can get together again. I guess you realize that the last time I saw ~~of~~ the three of you was in Portland - ~~|||||~~ almost exactly three years ago - and that was only for three days. That's not a very good average - three days in the past six years.

You can rest assured that in general I am quite content.

Please write soon.

Love,
Pete