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## John and Margaret Perkins Collection

**Creator:** John Perkins, Margaret Perkins  
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## Biographical Note

John “Jack” Perkins served stateside in the United States Army during World War II. Prior to the war, in both 1938 and 1939, Perkins attended a Citizen’s Military Training Camp (CMTTC) at Fort Sheridan. He enlisted in the Army in April 1942 and was stationed at a variety of camps throughout the United States including Aberdeen Proving Ground and Camp Kilmer. He attended machinist school in Springfield, Massachusetts and the Officer’s Candidate School in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Margaret “Marge” Perkins (nee Poskocil) was the wife of Jack Perkins. Jack Perkins and Marge Poskocil met in April of 1938 and were married sometime between August 1939 and April 1942. During the time covered by the collection materials, Marge Perkins worked in the Bell & Howard Co. office in Chicago and attended business school at night.

Marge and Jack Perkins had a son, nicknamed “Jackie” in February 1944.

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## **Scope and Content of the Collection**

The John and Margaret Perkins Collection contains correspondence and some ephemera dating from 1936 to 1944. The bulk of the collection is correspondence between husband and wife, John and Margaret Perkins, during his service in the U. S. Army in World War II and covers his experiences stationed at camps in the U. S. and her experiences on the home front in Chicago. The collection also contains one oversize newspaper clipping that was originally enclosed in with the correspondence.

## **Arrangement**

The collection arrived in loose chronological order. PMML staff have organized the collection first by material type, then chronologically.

## **Series One: Correspondence, 1936-1944**

This series contains all correspondence written between 1936 and 1944. The bulk of the correspondence represented is between husband and wife, John and Margaret Perkins, during his service in the U. S. Army in World War II. The correspondence covers Jack's training at various camps and schools in the United States and Marge's experience on the home front in Chicago.

In all correspondence, John goes by his nickname "Jack" and Margaret goes by her nickname "Marge" with a few letters including another one of her nicknames, "Pudgy". At the beginning of the series and before the two are married, Marge includes her maiden name, Poskocil.

The envelopes containing Jack Perkins' letters from April to mid-September 1942 were all numbered, though it cannot be confirmed whether he numbered them or if they were numbered after the fact. The numbering is relatively consistent, though there are some instances of missing or potentially mislabeled numbers. The envelopes from the remainder of September 1942 are not numbered. Starting in October 1942 and through the end of the collection, the only letters included are written from Marge to Jack, with no letters written from Jack to Marge. There is a large gap in correspondence from the end of October 1942 to the beginning of May 1944. Based on the content of the letters, it is possible that Marge moved to live near Jack in Stelton, NJ while he was stationed in Camp Kilmer.

The collection also contains correspondence from Ben Cepican, Marge Perkin's brother, that is written to her as well as some letters written to Jack Perkins from various female friends.

## **Series Two: Miscellaneous Ephemera, 1937-1939, u.d.**

This series contains ephemera that is not related to John Perkin's service in the military and includes programs and tickets. The materials date from 1937 to 1939 with some undated material. The materials are arranged chronologically with undated materials at the end.

## **Series Three: Oversize Material, 1942**

This series contains one oversize newspaper clipping that was included in a letter between Marge and Jack Perkins. The newspaper is from 1942.

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## **Key Subjects**

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the Library's online catalog. Researchers interested in materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog using these subject headings.

## **Subjects**

Soldiers – United States – Correspondence.  
World War, 1939-1945.  
World War, 1939-1945--Personal narratives, American.  
World War, 1939-1945--Social aspects--United States.

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## Container List

| Box | Folder | Item ID # | Title   | Dates            |
|-----|--------|-----------|---|------------------|
|     |        |           | <b>Series One: Correspondence</b>   | <b>1936-1944</b> |
|     |        |           | <b>Correspondence - 1936</b>  |                  |
| 1   | 1      | 800366001 | To Jack Perkins from Mabel Trier: hopes he is having a nice time, comment on her being able to sleep all day when he has to get up early, telling him to write and including address twice                    | 7/20/1936        |
| 1   | 1      | 800366002 | To Jack Perkins from Marian Hager: about not knowing him well but writing since he asked, missing Chicago, how the country boys have nice manners, will send pictures if he writes back, includes her address | 8/24/1936        |
| 1   | 1      | 800366003 | To Jack Perkins from Marian Hager: about getting his letter, writing in the car, the reason she hasn't sent pictures, telling him to write the same day he gets the letter if he plans to write               | 8/29/1936        |
|     |        |           | <b>Correspondence - 1938</b>  |                  |
| 1   | 2      | 800366004 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: about missing him, cutting her hand, will go to the beach with him if he still wants to go   | 7/13/1938        |
| 1   | 2      | 800366005 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: about him not forgetting about her, comments about him hanging around another girl, suspects he is having more fun at Fort Sheridan than he will admit                   | 7/20/1938        |
| 1   | 2      | 800366006 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: teasing him about his girlfriends in Chicago, reason they will be leaving for  | 7/25/1938        |

Wisconsin a day later, found his  
"MARKSMAN" medal, films will be ready  
on Saturday

### Correspondence - 1939

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|---|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| 1 | 3 | 800366007 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil:<br>about writing him a second letter, not<br>having anything to say, her mother's<br>comments on her writing, getting blisters<br>on her fingers, had a talk with her mother<br>about going to Washington   | 7/17/1939 |
| 1 | 3 | 800366008 | To Jack Perkins from "Pudgy" (based on<br>handwriting, this is Marge Poskocil): about<br>hoping he hasn't forgotten about her,<br>already on the third letter to him this week,<br>asking if he likes the stationary, doesn't<br>have much to say since she's been writing<br>a lot, will see him in a couple days, more<br>commenting from her mother about how<br>frequently she writes. Note on envelope:<br>thanking him for the call, might be able to<br>go to Washington if her dad meets his<br>grandmother. | 7/18/1939 |
| 1 | 3 | 800366009 | To Jack Perkins from "Pudgy" (based on<br>handwriting, this is Marge Poskocil): about<br>the weather, talked to Ursula, him coming<br>home and her note giving him permission<br>to come over the weekend, had fun with<br>Tippy, her talk with Lyla about vacations   | 7/18/1939 |
| 1 | 3 | 800366010 | To Jack Perkins from "Pudgy" (based on<br>handwriting, this is Marge Poskocil): about<br>her reason for not writing last night, her<br>aunt said there was nothing wrong with<br>going to Washington as long as his<br>grandmother is there, asking what day he<br>will be done with camp, the weather, can<br>go to the beach next Sunday if he comes<br>in   | 7/24/1939 |

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| 1 | 3 | 800366011 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: asking about his arrival back at camp, the work she has to do, weather is warm, Louis and Lyla's vacations, asking for parade details, commenting that he will be home in 10 days  | 7/31/1939  |
| 1 | 3 | 800366012 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: thanking him for the letter, weather is warm and wishing she could go to the beach, reason for being tired and not getting sleep the night before; Note from "Mrs. Perkins" giving her son permission to come home over the weekend. Based on handwriting, the note appears to be written by Marge Poskocil and not his mother; Letter to Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: about not being sure about being able to go to Washington anymore, warning him her parents are going to start opening the letters he sends; Small envelope labeled "Little Jackie Boy" | 8/1/1939   |
| 1 | 3 | 800366013 | To Jack Perkins from "Pudgy" (based on handwriting, this is Marge Poskocil): about his phone call, him getting a "fit" about her not writing every day even though she said she wasn't going to write anymore, hopes he gets over his fits, got the negatives and had the one of them together enlarged   | 8/3/1939   |
| 1 | 3 | 800366014 | To Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil: about it being the last Monday she will write while he is at Fort Sheridan, seeing him soon, their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C., missing him, received a letter from his mother about him, telling him to write his mother and not to waste his money calling her,  | 8/7/1939   |
| 1 | 3 | 800366015 | Birthday card to Jack Perkins from Marge Poskocil   | 11/24/1939 |

## Correspondence - April, 1942

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| 1 | 4 | 800366016 | To Marge Poskocil Perkins from Jack Perkins: about writing a new letter since the other got dirty, how she could have stayed later the night before, went to sick call, fruit is good and reminds him of her, hopes to see her soon. Envelope marked "Letter # 1"   | 4/13/1942        |
| 1 | 4 | 800366017 | To Marge Poskocil Perkins from Jack Perkins: about what he ate for dinner, might go to either Fort Knox or Aberdeen, MD, had to stop writing for an inspection, won't be able to see her Sunday, comments and tips for her driving the car, likes the pictures, telling her to be good in Chicago and not to write until he tells her. Envelope marked "Letter # 3" | 4/15/1942        |
| 1 | 4 | 800366018 | To Jack from Marge: hoping he is feeling better, sending him pictures, glad he called, hopes he can get off for the weekend or she will visit on Sunday, has a lot of work to do to clean and pack clothes, saw Lyla last night, story of getting the car into Grandpa's garage on Sunday and how window on the car is loose again, thinks they should sell the car | 4/15/1942        |
| 1 | 4 | 800366019 | To Marge from Jack: about being on the train to Aberdeen, MD. Continuation dated 4/17/1942: about getting into Aberdeen and getting settled, training is 13 weeks, giving his address for her to write, spoke to his parents and told them the rule for visitors, rules about passes. Envelope marked "# 4"   | 4/16-<br>17/1942 |

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| 1 | 4 | 800366020 | <p>To Jack from Marge: answering his question of what she does in her spare time, promising she is true to him, asking how the other married men there are, how hard the first few days were, rumors from Dorothy, talk of making the best of the situation, spoke to Grandmas on the phone, hopes he is close to his folks so he can visit; Postcard to Jack from War Department, Headquarters Illinois Military Area: about his enrollment in 10 series of subcourses being cancelled, dated 4/18/1942. The postcard was found with the letter in the envelope during original processing. It not clear whether the items were sent together but have been kept together to maintain original order.</p> | <p>4/16/1942;<br/>4/18/1942</p> |
| 1 | 4 | 800366021 | <p>To Marge from Jack: asking about how the men at Fort Sheridan talk about their wives, missing her, on a 3 week quarantine, getting paid 12 weeks as a Private and then after gets to do more work of a Sergeant, they are running about 2 weeks behind and trying to catch up to the other company. Envelope marked "# 5"</p>   | <p>4/22/1942</p>                |
| 1 | 4 | 800366022 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about finally receiving mail from him, was starting to get worried so she called and got an update from Grandma, wondering why his grandmother got an update card from the government and she didn't, asking what he wants her to do with the car</p>   | <p>4/22/1942</p>                |
| 1 | 4 | 800366023 | <p>To Marge from Jack: explaining why his grandmother was notified instead of her and how all the new records have her listed, why he couldn't write in Baltimore, asking her to send a small black book he needs for school and for her to keep writing. Envelope marked "# 6"</p>  | <p>4/24/1942</p>                |



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| 1 | 4 | 800366024 | To Marge from Jack: wishing she would write more often so he would have things to write about, been busy being a week behind the other company and trying to catch up, having to get everything ready at night but always being tired, daily clothing inspections, telling her he will have time to write on Sundays and asking what she is doing, won't write until he hears from her. Envelope marked "# 7"  | 4/26/1942 |
| 1 | 4 | 800366025 | To Jack from Marge: about being surprised he called, discussion of a book he asked for and telling him to be more descriptive, asking questions about his training, confirming he changed the records and hoping they will send her a card next time, asking what to do about the car, got a call from Ben, plans to hang out with various friends, sent pictures to his parents, what she did after their phone call, doesn't like to be alone on Sundays, how she got dizzy at work, including Ben's address, will send stamps | 4/27/1942 |
| 1 | 4 | 800366026 | To Jack from Marge: about her feelings of not being notified and the records situation, her plans with Grandma, weather is beautiful, how she misses him and their time together, bragging about him, probably won't work overtime on Saturdays anymore, plans to see Anna, updates on the back porch and potential changes  | 4/29/1942 |
| 1 | 4 | 800366027 | To Marge from Jack: about his stationary, details of what exactly he wants her to send, not sure if he will be sent to officers training school or not, comments about her Sunday plans, still have 2 weeks of quarantine left, details of being in the Ordinance department and having authority of a sergeant. Envelope marked "# 8"   | 4/29/1942 |

## Correspondence - May 2-14, 1942

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| 1 | 5 | 800366028 | To Jack from Marge: about working on a Saturday, got the things together to send to him, asking to know more about his school and training, asking when he plans to visit Chicago, updates on her plans with Anna, what she did with Grandma, update on Ben, asking about his rank and pay, her cousins are expecting a baby                            | 5/2/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366029 | To Marge from Jack: about getting a pass and being able to see his parents, wishing he could have been able to see her, wishing her dad a happy birthday and remembering that they met around this time 4 years ago. Envelope marked "# 10"   | 5/3/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366030 | To Jack from Marge: about how she spent the day with Ann and plans for future get togethers, has a bad headache, the pin Terry sent Ann, how Terry would send letters outside of camp so they wouldn't be censored, comments about his letters and writing, details on Ann's trip to see Terry  | 5/3/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366031 | To Marge from Jack: about receiving her letter and package, might be a machine shop instructor, details on what it takes to go to officers training school, his trip from Washington back to Aberdeen, expecting an air raid tonight and getting ready, shaves at night since there are so many trying to do it in the mornings. Envelope marked "# 11" | 5/4/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366032 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter, sorry to hear he is disgusted with army life, likes how he wrote about the air raid, asking him to clarify a comment from a previous letter, how much she misses him, commenting that he never answered her about her moving down there, sorry to hear about the dream he had and wishes                | 5/4/1942 |

she was there to take care of him, only interested in him, got a card from the training center but telling him that he spelled her name wrong, Marion got a censored letter from Ben with portions cut out, plans with Marion, asking if he got the package and if he needs anything else

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| 1 | 5 | 800366033 | To "Sis" (Marge) from Ben: about receiving mail but not feeling like writing, hard to write when his letters are censored, congratulating "Chuck" on the baby, asking about what her and Marion did, keeping the letter short since he can't think of anything to say | 5/5/1942 |
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| 1 | 5 | 800366034 | To Marge from Jack: about finally catching up with work and having more down time, today was full of lectures and studying, had the same idea as her about the pin and drawing what his Regimental Insignia looks like, ordered them the first week and was going to surprise her with one, giving reason why he can't send mail out like Terry does and how he isn't as good of a writer as Terry. Envelope marked "#12" Letter is not dated so date is taken from envelope postal stamp. | 5/6/1942 |
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| 1 | 5 | 800366035 | To Marge from Jack: about getting her letter and standing in line during mail call, different drills he had today before dinner and rifle cleaning after, what he meant by saying he was good, had a test on basic training, might call her. Envelope marked "# 13" | 5/6/1942 |
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| 1 | 5 | 800366036 | To Jack from Marge: about his freedom over the weekend, forgot about their meeting 4 years ago until he mentioned it, asking questions about his training, future plans, her moving down there, and what to do with the car, sent a second package, sugar rationing, plans to go bowling, | 5/6/1942 |
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weather, update on Ben and change in his address, making the best of being apart

1 5 800366037 To Marge from Jack: about receiving her package, writing early so she gets the letter before he calls on Sunday, has lectures and drills later, has washing to do later. Envelope marked "# 14" 5/7/1942

1 5 800366038 To Jack from Marge: about him receiving the first package and hopes he got the second, thinks she's seen the pin he described before, how he should still send "lovey dovey" letters, how Terry only writes Ann but not his parents, regards from various family members, doing her hair, plans for taking his clothes to the cleaners and then going to the dentist, congratulating him on one month in the army 5/8/1942

1 5 800366039 To Jack from Marge: about having to work on Sunday because she didn't finish everything on Saturday, didn't get to go bowling, received his letters and looking forward to his call, how much she enjoys his letters, clarifying something from a previous letter about being surprised, guy from work teasing her that girls visit the camp, asking about the things she sent, asking about him getting a furlough and coming to Chicago 5/9/1942

1 5 800366040 To Jack from Marge: about their phone call and missing him, how she worked and couldn't go bowling, visited Grandma and saw other family members, family was asking about his pay, hoping he sent his mom a Mother's Day card, Ben sent a telegram so they know he is in Newfoundland, telling him to send a telegram if he is ever sent out like Ben, idea of having a family after the war, her work and potential changes if more men go to war, plans with Marion next Sunday, 5/10/1942

thanking him again for the call and asking him to call again on her birthday, asking him what he thinks will happen for him next

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| 1 | 5 | 800366041 | To Marge from Jack: about receiving her letter and package, why he didn't write Friday or Saturday, freedom in camp was lifted and they could now go to shows and walk all over, going to a machinist school and then after 4 months in the Army he can try out for Officer's Training School, plans for her if he is going to stay down there, asking about bowling and what time of day she writes, how he misses her and dreams about her, sent his mother a telegram for Mother's Day and how he spent the day. Envelope marked "# 15" | 5/10/1942 |
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| 1 | 5 | 800366042 | To Marge from Jack: about their phone call and wanting to make sure he kept his promise to call, it was pay day but he didn't get paid because they don't know whether to pay him as a Private or a Sergeant, wishing he was with her, telling her to write a "lovey dovey" letter so he knows what one is like. Enclosed: "The Neighbors" cartoon by George Clark with arrow and "You" written on it. Envelope marked "# 16" | 5/11/1942 |
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| 1 | 5 | 800366043 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter, asking about future training/school and where he might be located, nice to hear his mother offered to let her live with them but points out they might not be there long, update on Ben, asking about K. P., commenting about difference in sleep there compared to home, asking if he got the book she sent, Ben's thoughts on how long the war will last, update on "Connie" from work, been raining. | 5/12/1942 |
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Enclosed: "These Women!" cartoon by d'Alessi...[rest of name cut off]

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| 1 | 5 | 800366044 | To Marge from Jack: about receiving two letters from her, asking about her working with another man on Sunday, being a little jealous, why he thinks she was told there are girls at the Army camps, how the married guys don't go to the dances, doesn't worry about her since he knows she can take care of herself, hopes he gets Sergeant pay. Envelope marked "# 17"  | 5/12/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366045 | To Jack from Marge: about the weather, thanking him for the postcard, received his letter and thought it was funny she sent one with a clipping too, how she loves and misses him, asking him to write Ben, telling him not to worry about the "lovey dovey" letters and to just write how he feels, updates on Dorothy from work, Ben sending a coin posted (?) and feeling disgusted about the censorship, heard on the radio about a bill regarding soldier's pay, explaining that she put the last paper of a different stationary over the letter so her letter won't show through the envelope | 5/13/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366046 | To Marge from Jack: about not receiving a letter from her, finally got the pins he ordered and sending her one, had drills all morning and lectures in the afternoon, what other guys are doing while he is writing, missing her and wishing she were there like some other wives but doesn't know how long he will be there, telling her to wear the pin and think of him. Envelope marked "# 18"   | 5/13/1942 |
| 1 | 5 | 800366047 | To Marge from Jack: about writing a short letter, filled out the application for Officers School, time length for Officers School vs machinist school, telling her she has the   | 5/14/1942 |

wrong idea of K. P. and telling her what they actually do. Envelope marked "# 19"

### **Correspondence - May 15-30, 1942**

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| 1 | 6 | 800366048 | To Marge from Jack: about her not writing but he still makes time in his busy days to write, how he feels compared to the other guys who get a lot of mail, only going to write her when she write him, how his day is compared to hers, going on a hike tomorrow for 5-7 days and also have an inspection. Envelope marked "# 20"  | 5/15/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366049 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving a letter from him and her reason for not writing yesterday, clarifying who the man she worked overtime with was, how they teased her at work about bullet proof vests, a story about a man from work's engagement ring he bought, how she isn't worried about the girls at camp, getting fed up with work and the difference in pay, isn't sure the special report she worked on is what they want, asking his opinion on whether she should quit, Ben wrote her a letter, her plans with Ann, wants the war to be over and to start a family | 5/15/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366050 | To Jack from Marge: about how the weekend seemed longer since she didn't work and detail how she spent her days, Grandma is concerned about his pay, spent the day with Marion, wearing his pin, wishes he were home with her, asking if he plans to come to Chicago on furlough, Grandpa and Frankie planted grass seed and how she spends her evenings at home. Blank piece of paper included, based on content of other letters this could have been used to prevent people from seeing through the envelope.  | 5/17/1942 |

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| 1 | 6 | 800366051 | To Marge from Jack: about not writing for the last couple days because of a hike, details about the hike, will write a good letter when he gets back, wishing he were with her, opinion on what she should do about her job. Envelope marked "# 21"   | 5/18/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366052 | To Jack from Marge: asking about officers training school and his rank, what she does at home after work, going to the dentist, worried about something being 15 days over and asking if she should go to the doctor, a girl she previously mentioned is now pregnant, doesn't understand why his grandma is so concerned about his pay and asking his opinion on the situation, wishing he were home | 5/18/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366053 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving mail from him yesterday and asking him to clarify if he is getting a furlough soon, went to the dentist, someone's comment on her pin, dentist thinks war will be over by fall, worried about Ben, hopes he gets into officers training school, more concerns about something health related and asking his advice, asking if he wrote to Ben                     | 5/19/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366054 | To Marge from Ben: about receiving her letter and it being hard to write, asking about Marion, wrote Jack, tired so not going to the show, saying article in "The Sun" is right, asking about back home, has a rehearsal tomorrow night. Envelope marked "# 1"  | 5/20/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366055 | To Jack from Marge: about not receiving mail but writing anyways, thinking about biking, got some good news and is no longer worried, ideas of having a family when the war is over, telling him to not let people ruin their happiness and get involved with their personal business, about working at the same place for  | 5/20/1942 |



almost 6 months, how awful W. D. C. is right now, her opinion on living farther from work, update on Connie and her maybe getting married, Riverview opened

To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter and understanding why he wasn't able to write, excited about his call, feels bad him getting sent to Mass. Means he won't be able to see his parents on the weekends, telling him to be good like she is good and faithful, telling him to let her know about a furlough, asking him his opinion on what she should have done had things not worked out, thought he meant Springfield Illinois not

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5/23/1942

Massachusetts, updates on Grandma, will send money and a magazine when she gets his new address, sent Ben cigarettes for his birthday, weird weather, wishing he were here and reminiscing on times together, asking about furlough and what his plans are for after machinist school

To Marge from Jack: about not having time to write yesterday because of getting in so late, sleeping in basement of Y. M. C. A. and get to eat at a restaurant, settling in last night, explanation of pay and the money they get to live on each day, living like kings, will be there for 13 weeks for the machinist course, passing through New York reminded him of their time together, details on the his trip to Mass., will get Sgt. pay after this course, asking her to send back a paper, listing his new address. Envelope marked "# 22"

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5/24/1942

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| 1 | 6 | 800366058 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about sending another letter this morning but forgetting to include the paper he wants her to send back, didn't want her to think someone opened the other letter, using his last envelope, general daily schedule, rank he will be if he passes the course with drawings of the insignia, asking for Ben's address, telling her to pass along the message to his grandma about his pay not being any of her business, will send pictures soon, discussion of his pay and sending money home, always looking at her picture and thinking about her, explaining where the doily is from. Enclosed: paper doily from New Haven Railroad Dining Car Service. Envelope marked "# 23"</p> | 5/24/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366059 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about getting his mail sooner than expected, asking about what happens after this 13 week training, asking about how things are at the training school in Mass., wondering about if he wears his ring, wanting him to clarify what he wants her to send back from previous letter, gave Grandma his new address with updates on her and other family members, asking if he ever wrote Ben, sending \$1 now and will send \$5 later, might have to go to dentist again, asking about his pay and if he can get furlough after this</p>  | 5/25/1942 |
| 1 | 6 | 800366060 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about writing while waiting at the dentist, encouragement and advice for his schooling, comparing his living arrangements to the Ritz, details of money and magazines she has sent, sending back the paper he sent, talk of finances and telling him not to call for her birthday if he can't afford it, listing Ben's address, additional P. S. about coming home from the dentist and hearing him tell</p>   | 5/26/1942 |

her about army wives that are home and pregnant, wishing him luck at school and telling him to study, might go on a day trip with her parents soon

1 6 800366061 To Marge from Jack: about it being the first real day of school, correcting his earlier details of the daily schedule, hopes he does well and mentions it is tough for him because he isn't the best student, asking about work and telling her to quit and come visit if she doesn't get a raise. Envelope marked "# 24" 5/26/1942

1 6 800366062 To Marge from Jack: about receiving her letter with the \$1 enclosed, thanking for her the money and discussing the breakdown of his pay, feeling privileged to be at the school, won't be able to go to officers school if he fails this course, gets the shop work but the math is hard, course used to take 22 weeks but they are making them learn the same amount in 13 weeks, has full privileges at the Y and goes swimming, not a lot of married men there, discussion of her wearing her ring and saying he trusts her. Envelope marked "# 25" 5/27/1942

1 6 800366063 To Jack from Marge: about her getting a letter from him and reminding him to tell her when he gets what she sent, sounds like he is busy at school and telling him to try his best, doesn't think it is wise for her to quit, asking where he thinks he will go next, will try to get a week off if they give out vacations so she can visit, asking if he wants Grandma to visit with her if she can or just her, joking about Grandma being a chaperone, friends going on vacation, might be a gasoline rationing soon, Bell & Howell Co. is building a factory on the northside and her work might move up there, asking him to send the clipping back 5/28/1942

1 6 800366064 To Marge from Jack: about receiving a letter she had send to Aberdeen, details of things he had to purchase, today was a hard day at school, weather was hot, went for a swim after dinner, tomorrow there will be a free show at the Y, didn't get the money yet. Envelope marked "# 26" 5/28/1942

1 6 800366065 To Marge from Jack: explaining why he wasn't about to write last night, received the letter with the money yesterday and thanking her, has to march in the parade (?), writing after marching in the parade and commenting that it was hot, got her books (?) yesterday, asking about her job and telling her he might be able to get her part-time work if she were to come down, wishing she was there and telling her he could never forget her, asking her about their finances, got a letter from Ben. Envelope marked "# 27" 5/30/1942

### **Correspondence - June 1-14, 1942**

1 7 800366066 To Marge from Jack: about receiving a letter from her and commenting that they have the same idea, went to a show with two guys and thinks she would like it, telling her they could go all over if she were there, thinks he could get her a job, telling her he won't want a chaperone if she would visit, how 13 weeks is a long time to go without seeing her. Envelope marked "# 28" 6/1/1942

1 7 800366067 To Marge from Ben: about the package she sent, asking about home and for her to remind Grandpa about his allotment, his band worked a dance for soldiers, asking about Jack, everything is fine but the hours they put in and trying to catch up on sleep, heard on the radio about the R. A. F. bombing Germany, thanking her 6/1/1942

for the early birthday card and apologizing for not sending anything for her birthday. Envelope marked "# 2"

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| 1 | 7 | 800366068 | To Jack from Marge: about not having much to write since she wrote everything last night, it's raining but weather has been good, wishing he were home, updates on Connie and her boyfriend, going to start tanning in the yard in a couple of weeks instead of the beach, still not sure if they are getting vacations this year but wants to spend it all with him if she does, asking what she should say to his grandma about the potential visit, her mother is having painters come, went to see "To The Shores of Tripoli" last Sunday, got a birthday letter from her parents | 6/2/1942 |
| 1 | 7 | 800366069 | To Marge from Jack: about receiving a short letter from her and asking why she didn't write at other times, commenting that she doesn't say much about what she does when she goes downtown, wishing she were with him, telling her he needs a good pen for school, has math homework and its hard, asking if she got the birthday card and present and if she liked it. Envelope marked "# 30"   | 6/2/1942 |
| 1 | 7 | 800366070 | To Marge from Ben: about receiving letters and packages, going to write Jack a letter now that he has his address, explaining a problem he has with another girl (not Marion) that he likes and asking for advice. Envelope marked "# 3"  | 6/3/1942 |

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| 1 | 7 | 800366071 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about just getting off the phone with her, wishing they were together for her birthday and that she would come down for a few months, details and breakdown of his pay, telling her he can get her a job, asking her to take the bus or train, asking for and detailing the rulers (?) he wants from his little black tool box. Envelope marked "#31"</p>  | 6/4/1942 |
| 1 | 7 | 800366072 | <p>To Marge from Jack: thanking her for the picture she sent, asking her to come visit, saying he won't write her since he didn't get a letter two days this week, glad she likes his presents but wishing he were there with her, Y has a show tonight and might go to one tomorrow. Envelope marked "#32"</p>   | 6/6/1942 |
| 1 | 7 | 800366073 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about how she hasn't received mail from him in a couple days and asking if everything is ok, wanting to know if he is too busy to see her if she were to get vacation, has to sign up for vacation since they can only go one at a time so she wants to know as soon as possible, getting a pen from work to send to him, not much to say since she hasn't heard from him, received cards and a gift from his parents and grandma, how she spends her Saturday nights. Blank piece of paper included that does not match stationary, other letters have this and suggest she included it so the text of the letter could not be read through the envelope.</p> | 6/6/1942 |

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| 1 | 7 | 800366074 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about receiving letters from him and mailing him a package, asking if he likes the things from the package, would take the train if she were to come visit and asking which one she should take so she can look into it, telling him to see if he could get special permission to be able to stay with her while she is there, vacation won't be for another month at least, update on Connie and her boyfriend, asking where he thinks he will go after school and how things are going, didn't read the letter about the rulers until she already sent the package so they will get sent soon, reminding him to put "C/O Poskocil" on his envelopes. Enclosed: news clipping "Portraits by James J. Metcalfe My Everlasting Love"</p> | 6/7/1942 |
| 1 | 7 | 800366075 | <p>To Marge from Jack: details about the trip to Springfield by both bus and train, thinks that the train is the best option for her, she wouldn't need a new suitcase, asking her opinion on the travel, telling her to come as soon as she can and to let him know. Envelope marked "# 33", it looks like it was originally # 31 and then 33 was written over it.</p>  | 6/8/1942 |
| 1 | 7 | 800366076 | <p>To Marge from Jack: reminding her that he isn't going to write when she doesn't write and that's why she didn't get letters, wishing she were here like how other married men have their wives there, if she comes he would expect her to stay longer than a week, it seems easy to get a job, things they could do if she were there, let him know soon so he can make arrangements for a room, continued writing after school and swimming, got more mail from her but some must have some mix ups, correcting her on how much money he has received from his parents, only thing in school he is having</p>  | 6/9/1942 |

trouble with is math, can't wait to get the pen she is sending, telling her he worries about her because he loves her, how they would go swimming if they were together, Y is having a picnic for them and would love if she were there, details of items from the army store and telling her not to worry about money, asking her to send socks too. Enclosed: Order receipt from Horder's Stationary Stores. Envelope marked "# 32"

To Jack from Marge: about how he forgot to tell her what railroad she should take, if she visits it will be by train, intends to take only 1 suitcase, signed up for vacations today and asked for two weeks, older employees have first choice so her requested dates might change, asking how long he will be in Mass., commenting on how he never answers her questions, Bell & Howell is having a picnic and she wishes he was there to meet people from work. Blank piece of paper included that does not match stationary, other letters have this and suggest she included it so the text of the letter could not be read through the envelope.

1 7 800366077

6/10/1942

To Marge from Jack: about receiving a letter but not the package yet, thinks she is swell for sending them and doesn't know what he would do without her sending him letters and packages, today was a usual day, wishing she were there and would quit her job, takes a picture of her to school with him every day, telling her after the 13 weeks they get assigned to a unit and go across the pond. Envelope marked "# 33"

1 7 800366078

6/10/1942



1 7 800366079 To Marge from Jack: about receiving the package and loving the pen she sent, commenting about how she looks in the picture she sent and asking if she is wearing new clothes, her outfit makes him jealous of all the guys at work, beginning to worry and wants her to visit quickly, telling her to quit since they didn't give her a raise, can't go to the picnic because he doesn't have a swim suit, wants her to quit her job and come , telling her to take the New York Central Railroad. Envelope marked "# 34" 6/11/1942

1 7 800366080 To Jack from Marge: how she is sorry the letter ruined the surprise of what was in the package, packing up the rulers he wanted and some socks, bad news about his tool box, might have to wait for him to get home before it can be fixed, telling him to get some things in Mass. since it will be easier and cheaper than her getting them, hasn't gotten a raise yet, asking about officers school after his comment about having to go across the pond after this course, asking if he likes the pen 6/12/1942

1 7 800366081 To Marge from Jack: reminding her about his idea of writing a letter for a letter, writing her because he is thinking of her and misses her, wrote Ben a letter yesterday and mentioning that some parts of Ben's letter to him had parts cut out, reminding her that he isn't sure where he is going after this 13 weeks course, not going to the picnic tomorrow, how some of the married guys will have their wives at the picnic, telling her not to come if she can't stay for at least a month. Envelope marked "# 35" 6/13/1942

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| 1 | 7 | 800366082 | To Marge from Jack: about how he spent his morning, no mail from her, wondering why she doesn't write, study hall is almost empty and it's a good time for him to get work done, might go to a show later if he can borrow a quarter from someone, didn't get paid yesterday and should get it Monday, wishing she would write and he's not going to write until he gets a letter. Envelope marked "# 36" | 6/14/1942 |
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### Correspondence - June 15-30, 1942

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| 1 | 8 | 800366083 | To Jack from Marge: happy that him and Ben are writing each other, updating him on Ben's request for her to meet a girl he likes, requested 2 weeks off and it would be in July or August, wouldn't be able to come out for a month so telling him to let her know if he still wants her to come, reminding him she isn't interested in anyone but him, update on hanging out with Ann, sending \$2 | 6/15/1942 |
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| 1 | 8 | 800366084 | To Marge from Jack: about feeling good after receiving a letter from her, missing her and wishing she was there, jealous of the guys at her work, wishing he could take her out, weather is hot, felt a little sick, didn't get paid yet. Envelope marked "# 37" | 6/15/1942 |
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| 1 | 8 | 800366085 | To Marge from Jack: about finally getting paid and sending her some money, hoping to send as much money home as he can as he gets paid, telling her to call when she gets the vacation and will get things ready on his end, looking forward to being able to see her, cutting the letter short to be able to call her, sending a money order. Envelope marked "# 38" | 6/16/1942 |
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1 8 800366086 To Jack from Marge: about being surprised by his phone call, telling him he is lucky he doesn't have to sleep in a bed with all her hair pins, how she loves and misses him, wants to quit her job after the war to devote her time to him and their family, pretty sure of the dates for her vacation, telling him that she isn't going to tell his mom or grandma until the last minute so he needs to act like he doesn't know, happy to hear about his school progress, telling him not to expect mail on Sundays, asking him to tell her more about the train process, checking to see if he got the money and socks 6/16/1942

1 8 800366087 To Jack from Marge: about helping her mom get ready for the painters coming tomorrow, wishing he could take her to the picnic so she could show him off to the people from work, will quit if she doesn't get a raise soon, reminding him of Ben's birthday and Father's Day, asking if he got the socks and \$2, won't be long until she sees him, government wants rubber scraps and asking if she should send the army trunk, hoping she gets the raise tomorrow on pay day 6/17/1942

1 8 800366088 To Marge from Jack: thanking her for sending the money and telling her what he usually spends money on, describing a hot stand nearby, school is letting out next week and then they will start earlier, received a letter from his mother and the application for officers school, that school would start in August and if he can't make it he will have to wait for the next class, looking forward to seeing her. Envelope marked "# 39" 6/17/1942

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| 1 | 8 | 800366089 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving the money he sent, worried about getting pregnant when she sees him, how he spends money on himself and she tries to save, how many times she has been to the show, disgusted about her pay and not getting a raise, planning to quit if they don't give her a raise soon, feeling mad that others are getting paid more than her | 6/18/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366090 | To Marge from Jack: giving her details and instructions on how to travel to see him by train, can't wait for her to be there and always looks at her picture, telling her they will have their dreams come true after the war. Enclosed: Page with various train timetables and page with railroad and pullman fares. Envelope marked "# 40"                          | 6/18/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366091 | To Marge from Jack: about being excited to see her, having a drills and an inspection tomorrow, had a blackout this evening, went swimming, doesn't have a lot to write about since her letter was short, telling her not to give the rubber serok (?) that's in the army trunk, drew a picture for her at the bottom on the page. Envelope marked "# 41"             | 6/19/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366092 | To Marge from Jack: about him being disappointed in her comment about getting pregnant from her previous letter, comments about her pay situation at work. Envelope marked "# 42"   | 6/20/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366093 | To Jack from Marge: about writing a short letter now and will write a longer one later, clarifying what she meant that made him so disappointed and telling him she does want to have a family after the war, asking what he spends his money on and commenting how much he has been sent, telling him he needs to save too   | 6/22/1942 |

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| 1 | 8 | 800366094 | To Jack from Marge: about writing him and explaining how often she writes, talked to her boss about her pay, comments about his soldier's pay and his grandmother's involvement, being upset about lies and telling him not to lie to her   | 6/23/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366095 | To Marge from Jack: about just getting off the phone with her and comments about how frequently he writes, update on his payment amount and pay days, thinks they should save for the future and asking her opinion, different scenarios that can happen with this pay, telling her to let him know if she doesn't understand any of the pay information and he can try to explain better. Envelope marked "43" | 6/23/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366096 | To Marge from Jack: asking if she is lying about sending letters, how he feels about not getting letters, how hot the day was, thanking her dad for what he did to the car, has lots of homework and did a lot of washing. Envelope marked "44"   | 6/24/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366097 | To Marge from Jack: clarifying something he said on the phone, thinks they could make a few extra dollars if he puts his grandmother's name down but he still loves her, how he feels about her letters, what he spends his money on and details of his pay breakdown, marching in a parade tomorrow, excited to see her. Envelope marked "45"  | 6/25/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366098 | To Jack from Marge: sorry he isn't receiving her letters, asking again how he spends his money and how she has been saving, comments about his grandmother's involvement in his pay, her feelings about how he is acting and treating her, saying she is way ahead of him in the letter for a letter system, wants to see him, has the blues about  | 6/25/1942 |

everything, details about a picnic she might go to

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| 1 | 8 | 800366099 | To Marge from Ben: about letters from her and their mother, asking about the house-cleaning, comment about "Tippie", sent Jack a letter, asking her to call Margie and telling her that they are now engaged, cousin Charlie had a baby, thanking her for the package, admitting that he told his Marge about Marion and that she was upset and jealous. Envelope marked "6"   | 6/25/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366100 | To Jack from Marge: about still wanting to know what he did with the money, Anne is going to the picnic with her, telling him that a girl from work said she knows him, excited and looking forward to seeing him, hoping she gets to come alone but asking what to tell his grandmother, going window shopping tomorrow and wants a new dress for the visit. Enclosed: cartoon of woman and man walking with handwritten note "I bet you look nicer that he does in your uniform. I betcha" | 6/26/1942 |
| 1 | 8 | 800366101 | To Marge from Jack: breakdown of the money he was paid and sent with detailed list of what he has spent money on, hopes that this makes it clear that he is not cheating her out of money, comments that he goes to shows because he doesn't have friends, how she has her parents to keep her company, since he hasn't gotten letters he won't write for a while. Envelope marked "46"  | 6/27/1942 |

1 8 800366102 To Jack from Marge: about receiving two letters from him and how the second one made her feel bad, her reasons for asking about his pay and her thoughts on his grandmother's involvement, describing how Terry sends his money to Ann, justifying why she gets to ask about his pay because they are married, didn't enjoy the picnic and wished he was there, her plans with Ann, received a letter from Ben and will call his girlfriend, how she misses him and hanging out with Anne helps her, here hopes for the future, was told she would soon get a raise, bought a new traveling suitcase, asking if he still wants her to come 6/29/1942

1 8 800366103 To Jack from Marge: about receiving mail but none from him, how she feels the same as him went she doesn't get mail, hopes he isn't mad about her going to the picnic, his mother thanked her for the pictures and sent money, his mother commenting on her writing to him, Ben is waiting to hear back from him, tried to call Ben's girlfriend and some background on her, feels bad all the time and wants him to cheer her up, asking him to not be mad and write nasty letters, asking if he still wants her to visit, might be "sick" when she visits, clarifying that the money saved is both of theirs and is for their future. Enclosed: cartoon "Grin and Bear It" by Lichty with handwritten notes "Ha! Ha! Ain't this funny?" and "I don't want no vacation. I want a honeymoon with husband" 6/30/1942

1 8 800366104 To Marge from Ben: about letting her know when he needs more stationary, already sent her Marge's phone number, got another letter from Jack and hopes that he gets the chance to become an officer, wants to war to be over but doesn't 6/30/1942

think it will be over soon and thinks it will be even longer before coming home, sending regards to everyone, his thoughts on the recreation and vacation for defense workers, hopes she will like Marge. Envelope marked "7"

### Correspondence - July 1942

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| 1 | 9 | 800366105 | To Marge from Jack: about being mad at her about a lack of mail, telling her Terry is able to send home more because he is not in school, asking her to tell him how much she spends on things, thinks she didn't need a new suitcase, instructing her on what he wants her to do with the money he sends, was in the hospital because he got something in his eye. Envelope marked "49" | 7/1/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366106 | To Jack from Marge: about being so happy that he called, her night with Anna, supposed to get a call from Ben's Marge tomorrow, wishing he were home, excited for her trip to see him, telling him to eat and not try to save by skipping meals, saw a pregnant woman with her husband at a show and thinking about experiencing that with him, potential July 4th plans                 | 7/1/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366107 | To Marge from Jack: about writing while waiting on the doctor at the hospital, bought things for himself since she is doing the same for herself, more talk of his pay breakdown, will be getting Sergeant pay after school, coming to see her on July 4th for a night. Envelope marked "48"   | 7/2/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366108 | To Marge from Jack: explaining why he wasn't able to come visit, wished he could have seen her and not his parents, going to make plans to go somewhere with her over a weekend, reminding her to get her  | 7/4/1942 |



ticket early, missing her when he looks at their wedding photos, remembering their happy days. Envelope marked "49"

1 9 800366109 To Jack from Marge: about what she has done all day, was so excited to get the letter that he was coming in and then was disappointed to get his telegram that he couldn't come, getting her vacation one week sooner, details of her train, changes at work and hoping they don't mess up her vacation, asking if he will get her at the train depot 7/4/1942

1 9 800366110 To Jack from Marge: about being excited for her vacation and asking if his parents will be visiting during the same time, her plans for his grandmother's birthday, set up plans to meet Ben's Marge, details of when she expects to leave, asking him questions about her trip 7/4/1942

1 9 800366111 To Marge from Jack: about him trying a few times before getting her on the phone, wishing he could have come home but they will make up for it soon, hoping she still loves him since she sounded mad on the phone, he's gotten thinner, counting the days until he sees her, heading back to Springfield, will be a couple days until the next letter since he has to wait to buy stamps, making plans for a weekend with her, asking about her suitcase and suggesting she leave Friday night. Envelope marked "50" 7/5/1942

1 9 800366112 To Jack from Marge: about being surprised about his late call, commenting on how his father's vacation is at the same time as hers, will stay at home if the trip is going to turn into a family reunion, wants to be able to spend the 2 weeks with just 7/5/1942

him, won't make any more vacation plans until she hears from him

1 9 800366113 To Jack from Marge: reassuring him about how much she loves him, reminding him to let her know if his parents are going to visit before she makes anymore plans, one year since he was operated on, wishing they were together and excited to see him, how much she paid for her suitcase, bought new pants, wants to talk about his idea for a weekend getaway when they are together 7/6/1942

1 9 800366114 To Jack from Marge: asking for updates since she didn't get any mail, got her suitcase but wants to exchange it for one without scratches, update on her work, asking about school and if he could get special permission to be able to sleep with her while she visits, telling him not to make any more plans until everything is sure and she buys the train tickets, doesn't think she should bring the radio 7/7/1942

1 9 800366115 To Marge from Jack: about receiving mail from her and questioning why she mails them on different days than she writes them, being critical of her letter writing, can't trust her as much as he used to, wanting her to write a letter to explain, will see her at the station if she comes. Enclosed: Cartoon "Whiz Bang" with handwritten edit to the caption. Envelope marked "# 51" 7/7/1942

1 9 800366116 To Marge from Ben: about her calling up his Marge, hopes nothing happens with her plans to see Jack, wishing he were in the States and could see his girl, glad Grandpa got the check, sending Marge money so she can get an engagement ring but allotment makes it hard to send more, asking her to get money from Grandpa for him, impressed by her raise, 7/8/1942

asking for a lighter and something for athlete's foot. Envelope marked "8"

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| 1 | 9 | 800366117 | To Jack from Marge: about hearing less from him and so he will hear less from her, correcting him that she was home on July 4th and would have heard his call, wondering why he didn't give her details about the party he went to when he expects details from her, doesn't have much to say since he didn't answer her questions, won't get tickets until he answers her questions, spent time with his grandmother for her birthday | 7/9/1942 |
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| 1 | 9 | 800366118 | To Marge from Jack: more criticism about her letters and when they are mailed, she hasn't answered some of his questions, commenting that she can't expect everything from him if she won't tell everything, will be waiting at the station if she comes and his mother has no plans to see them, his parents wanted him to take her somewhere in Pen. (?). Envelope marked "# 52" | 7/9/1942 |
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| 1 | 9 | 800366119 | To Marge from Jack: about being excited to see her, suggesting she not buy a lot in Chicago since they have more shops where he is and no sales tax, telling her to take the fastest train and he will wait at the station, asking her to bring things for him. Envelope marked "# 53" | 7/9/1942 |
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| 1 | 9 | 800366120 | To Jack from Marge: about not having much to say, asking if he still wants to take her to seashore or mountains, still hasn't gotten tickets or made a reservation, asking again what his parents are doing, will meet Ben's Marge tomorrow, weather has been warm, went window shopping, wishing they were together, upset that they no aren't drafting married men, telling him they have to make the best out of it, telling him to | 7/11/1942 |
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clearly answer her so she can make a decision about tickets and not to wait until the last minute

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| 1 | 9 | 800366121 | To Marge from Jack: explaining how the party he went to on July 4th was actually like, was sad she wasn't there with him and how it was hard when people asked where she was or how long they have been apart, if she doesn't come to visit he will know that she doesn't care about him, his mother has no plans to see them and he told them he wanted to spend the vacation alone with her, remembering a time they went to Fox River. Envelope marked "# 54"  | 7/11/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366122 | To Marge from Jack: about being so excited to see her, didn't receive a letter so there's not much to write about, will be waiting at the station for her, been studying, writing a short letter since hers was short. Envelope marked "# 55"   | 7/12/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366123 | To Marge from Jack: about her letters making it sound like she is coming, didn't write a long letter since he called last night, she is never home when he calls, he went to the show because there was no one to talk to, thinks it's a waste of money to call if she isn't ever there, telling her she should quit since she didn't get a raise and come live by him, expecting her at the train station Saturday at 6, telling her to send a telegram if she changes her mind, this will be the last letter he will write since he will see her Saturday so he's giving her advice for the train, list of things for her to bring. Enclosed: clipping of a cartoon with handwritten note in response to caption/cartoon "I don't think you will get a cauliflower ear your never home when I call". Envelope marked "# 56" | 7/13/1942 |

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| 1 | 9 | 800366124 | To Marge from Jack: about being so excited to see her on Saturday, wrote Ben a letter, asking her to bring their clock with her so he can wake up for school on time when he stays with her. Envelope marked "# 57"   | 7/13/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366125 | To Jack from Marge: about writing while on her way to work and being late, met Ben's Marge yesterday, heard he called while she was out and reminded him she can told him she might go to a show with Marge, still hasn't bought the tickets since he hasn't answered her, getting her dresses ready so she hopes to hear from her  | 7/13/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366126 | To Jack from Marge: went to buy her tickets after work and has to take the slow train, updating him on her arrival time and hopes he will be there, plans if she misses the train, getting in the habit of being late for work, will send a telegram if she misses her train, being very excited and feeling like this is their honeymoon again, won't have a lot of time to write before she leaves and detailing things she needs to do | 7/14/1942 |
| 1 | 9 | 800366127 | To Marge from Ben: hoping she gets this before her trip to see Jack and wishing that his Marge could visit him, asking if she liked Marge, his band played for a dance last night, asking if she got the letter about the \$40 for Marge, was an usher at church, got her package, he told Marge they would get married if he comes home before the war is over. Envelope marked "# 9"  | 7/19/1942 |

## Correspondence - August 1-14, 1942

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| 2 | 1 | 800366128 | To Marge from Jack: about missing her even though she just left, hopes she got a seat ok, wishing she could have stayed another week, hopes she gets home ok. Envelope marked "# 58"   | 8/1/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366129 | To Jack from Marge: about getting back to Chicago but her bags were on another train, tried to get a seat in one of the deluxe coaches but couldn't, train was crowded, knocked on the window when he passed but he didn't notice, wondering what he did today, hates the thought of going to work on Monday, met a 2nd Lt. on the train   | 8/2/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366130 | To Marge from Jack: about how he spent his day, everyone was asking about her and telling him he has a nice wife, hopes she got home ok, missing her and can't wait for the war to be over so they can be together. Envelope marked "# 59"   | 8/2/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366131 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter, been busy all day, won't have to do an inventory at work, received a government bond from work, might not change her name at work since she doesn't know how long she will be there, update on Lyla, the train was cold and she had to wear her coat, going to try to see the show he recommended on Tuesday, counting the weeks until he might come home next. Enclosed: news clipping of trailer notes with handwritten note "read this" | 8/3/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366132 | To Marge from Jack: asking how she is after her first day back at work, retook a test at school, wishing she were there, after school was same as usual, hasn't gotten a letter from her yet. Envelope marked "# 60"   | 8/3/1942 |

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| 2 | 1 | 800366133 | To Marge from Jack: commenting on her story of sitting next to a 2nd Lt. on the train and asking questions about him, missing her and wishing she was there. Envelope marked "# 61"   | 8/4/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366134 | To Jack from Marge: about seeing a show, her throat has been hurting since her train ride home, won't get any vacation money, hard to adjust back to waking up early, gained weight on the trip, sending her regards to everyone, weather has been hot, not mad at him for her having to come back to Chicago, loves him and is proud of him  | 8/4/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366135 | To Jack from Marge: about her evening, Pete sold him farm, updates on some family, throat hurts, thinks about their time together especially when she has to wake up early  | 8/5/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366136 | To Jack from Marge: about writing the letter in the bathroom, more details about the 2nd Lt. from the train, throat still hurts and didn't feel like going to work, was 6 min late, update on cousin Jerry, asking if she should go to school, would like to be a secretary   | 8/6/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366137 | To Marge from Jack: about how hard it is to write letters when he doesn't have anything to respond to, received 2 letters today, still has a lot of school work to do and it's hard to catch up, wanting to make sure she made it back ok, everyone is asking about her, some of the guys are leaving soon, asking how she liked the show he recommended, homesick and wishing they could be together. Envelope marked "# 62" | 8/6/1942 |

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| 2 | 1 | 800366138 | <p>To Marge from Jack: (8/7/1942) asking about things at home, remembering times they went hunting, it was test day at school, weather is hot, waiting to see if they get a 5 day pass, fellows will get diplomas today, getting a class book and sending the one with the names and addresses to her, might go to a party. Continuation on an additional letter from 8/8/1942: about just getting back from drilling, some guys who are leaving are having a bag inspection, men either going to Aberdeen or New Orleans, went to the graduation and party last night, didn't mail the other letter so he is sending them both together, wrote Ben and his mother, still not caught up on his notebook, going to a show on Sunday, encouraging her to go to school if she thinks it will allow her to get a better job, will know where they are sending him in 2 weeks. Envelope marked "# 63"</p> | 8/7-8/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366139 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about not writing yesterday because she didn't get a letter, how it rained so bad a viaduct flooded and how it affected her commute home, had to work overtime today and got a ride from someone so she was early, all the fellows at work treat her ok except the boss, thinking of going to school, listing items she bought, might go see Chuck and Marge's baby, chilly in Chicago, throat is sore, asking for various updates</p>  | 8/8/1942   |
| 2 | 1 | 800366140 | <p>To Marge from Ben: about finally hearing from her after her trip with Jack, telling her she has things wrong about his Marge, admits his ring idea was silly but tells her he is to blame not Marge, too bad he wasn't at Camp Edwards or he would have been able to see her, not counting on Marge visiting and admits that 2 years is a long time to ask anyone to wait, can't</p>  | 8/9/1942   |



do anything to change how things end up, asking about family, finishing up K. P. today, talking about his one big mistake in the Army, wishing he could have stayed at Stewart. Envelope marked "# 10"

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| 2 | 1 | 800366141 | To Marge from Jack: about it raining, what he ate at Ma's, talk of how much she loves pie and ice cream, saw 2 pictures, planning to work on his notebook. Envelope marked "# 64"  | 8/9/1942  |
| 2 | 1 | 800366142 | To Jack from Marge: about seeing Chuck and Marge's baby, how the visit made her miss him, going to wear leg makeup to work, baked peach pies with her mom but missing ice cream, a planned blackout for Chicago and surrounding areas  | 8/9/1942  |
| 2 | 1 | 800366143 | To Jack from Marge: about her call with Margie, how she hasn't been the same since she saw him and how hard it is to say goodbye after visiting, asking if he has caught up with work and wondering where they will send him next  | 8/11/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366144 | To Marge from Jack: about being even with letters and hoping they can write each other every day, commenting how much she talked about babies in her letter, everyone is asking about her, wishing they were together so they could have a baby. Envelope marked "# 65"  | 8/11/1942 |
| 2 | 1 | 800366145 | To Marge from Jack: about getting her letter and being glad she is ok, how much he worries about her, went to school as usual, weather is hot, wishing he knew where he was going next and if he would get any time off, having a black out soon, continued writing after black out and describing how it was, telling her not to be mad if the letter is late, got pie and ice cream at Ma's, missing her. Envelope marked "# 66" | 8/12/1942 |

2 1 800366146 To Marge from Jack: asking about work and her looking for a new job, hoping he gets sent near Chicago so they can be together, finally got his notebook caught up, rained all day, wishing he knew if he could come home, everyone still asks about her. Envelope marked "# 67" 8/13/1942

2 1 800366147 To Jack from Marge: about being even with letters, sending regards to Marion and fellows at school, how the blackout in Chicago was, made a homemade surprise for him and Ben, update on Floyd from work, debating asking for another raise or quitting, asking when he will leave and if he is coming to Chicago 8/13/1942

2 1 800366148 To Jack from Marge: about his mother visiting Chicago with hopes that he gets a furlough, will see Ben's Marge on Wednesday and not sure when she will see his mother, asking when he expects to leave Springfield and if he has a chance of getting a furlough, hoping they will be together soon and wishing they could live together, will quit work if she doesn't get a raise soon. Enclosed: blank piece of paper (one side is red, other white) 8/14/1942

### **Correspondence - August 15-31, 1942**

2 2 800366149 To Marge from Jack: about getting letters from her and missing her, hoping she still wants everything they had planned, commenting on her black eye from the blackout and what people would say if he were living there. Envelope marked "# 68" 8/15/1942

2 2 800366150 To Marge from Ben: asking about her vacation, her talking to and potentially meeting up with Margaret (his Marge), once she gets to know his Marge she will discover she's a nice girl, asking her to 8/15/1942

apologize to their mom for his angry letter,  
asking for updates on home and family.  
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| 2 | 2 | 800366151 | To Jack from Marge: about work,<br>wondering if he doesn't like all the fellows<br>asking about her, plans with Marge on<br>Wednesday, asking him to clarify his hope<br>to be sent near Chicago and if the other<br>option is getting sent overseas, her plans<br>before bed, tries to keep herself busy so<br>she can't get lonesome, days are starting<br>to get shorter | 8/15/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366152 | To Marge from Jack: about it raining all<br>day, how she spent his day, plans to pack<br>little by little so he is ready and won't have<br>to hurry when he has to leave, asking how<br>she spent her day, missing her and<br>wishing they were together, suggesting<br>she look for another job. Envelope marked<br>"# 69"   | 8/16/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366153 | To Jack from Marge: about seeing a<br>picture and eating dinner downtown with<br>his mother and grandmother, how long his<br>mother plan's to stay in Chicago, her<br>feelings on spending time with his mother<br>without him, how the picture mad her sad<br>and miss him, asking if he got the fudge<br>and books she sent   | 8/16/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366154 | To Marge from Jack: about getting bad<br>news and being sent outside of New York<br>City, not sure if he will get time off yet but<br>will try his best to see her even if it's only<br>a couple of days, won't be writing much<br>this week with graduation and packing.<br>Envelope marked "# 70"   | 8/17/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366155 | To Jack from Marge: about watering the<br>yard, hoping he got the books and fudge,<br>updates on work and how hard she is<br>working, plans to ask for a raise and if she   | 8/17/1942 |

doesn't get one she will quit, hasn't lost the weight she gained in Mass., hoping he can come to Chicago soon

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| 2 | 2 | 800366156 | To Marge from Ben: glad she is back in Chicago, heard from his Marge, supposed their mom exaggerated in her letter, his Marge likes her, received the sax mouthpiece and the other things, the band is coming along ok, telling her not to worry and he won't make a fool of himself, has been transferred and the new address is on the envelope, hoping his Margie and her spend a lot of time together, after 8 months away he is feeling homesick. Envelope marked "# 12" | 8/18/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366157 | To Jack from Marge: about feeling sick and thinking it's from the cleaning fluids, confirmed her plans with Marge, very busy at the office, Lee's aunt is throwing a wedding shower for Lee on Thursday, update on Dorothy  | 8/18/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366158 | To Jack from Marge: about her evening with Marge, gave Marge the money from Ben so she can get an engagement ring, reread his letter and thinks it is bad news, wants him to stay at the camp, while she wants him to get a furlough she is afraid that if he does it will mean he is getting sent overseas, how hard it was to leave him, wishing the war was over   | 8/19/1942 |
| 2 | 2 | 800366159 | To Marge from Jack: about not writing because they went to get their train tickets, having to pay the difference in ticket price to get from New York to Chicago, details of the times for arriving in New York and then Chicago, gets 5 days but will have to spend 2 of them traveling, not going to write anymore this week, thanking her for the fudge and books. Envelope marked "# 71"  | 8/19/1942 |

2 2 800366160 To Marge from Ben: about being glad she was able to meet and liked Marge's family, relieved she gave Marge the money, how she now knows how him and Marge met and how he was nervous for her to know, working in Headquarters now, glad Jack is getting a furlough, thanking her for the package, hoping she will see a lot of his Marge. Envelope marked "# 13" 8/25/1942

2 2 800366161 To Marge from Jack: about his trip and making it back safely, only 27 men are there now but there are 160 expected, it's a new camp and isn't complete yet, the camp is a point of embarkation so there are a lot of men coming and going, was going to call but he can't, on a 36 hour restriction so he can't get mail out, will be there for a long time and wants her to come, will see about getting her a job, food is the best he has had at an army camp, his new address. Envelope marked "# 72" 8/29/1942

2 2 800366162 To Marge from Jack: about the weather and the food, did all of his work today and it kept him busy, sending her mother a letter too, note that they might censor the mail there soon. Drawing on reverse side of house with note "Marge don't for get your promus to me". Envelope marked "# 73" 8/30/1942

2 2 800366163 To Marge from Jack: about her knowing where he is based on his stationary, went into town because he is going to call her later, restriction is off and mailed the other letters this morning, feels sorry for some of the other guys because they haven't been in the army long and are getting sent overseas, changed barracks and it gave him time to go into town. Envelope marked "# 74" 8/31/1942

**Correspondence - September 1-14,  
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| 2 | 3 | 800366164 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about being worried he was sent overseas before receiving his letter, was excited about his call, doesn't trust the camp about not getting sent overseas, how a girl from work has a boyfriend in England who had a similar background to him, likes the idea of working in an office there but worries about him leaving soon after she starts, asking his plans about officers school, someone is interested in buying his car and asking what she should do, asking about his rating, potential plans with Marge, tried to call his grandmother</p>   | 9/1/1942 |
| 2 | 3 | 800366165 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about it already being September, wishing she were there and imaging what it would be like if she moved there, telling her to let him know and he will start looking at apartments, drilled the men today and thinks that will be his job for a while, has to check 950 guns tomorrow, had good meals, thinks he will send for her soon. Envelope "# 75". Enclosed: Pages 13-14 from The Daily Home News, New Brunswick, N. J., Tuesday, September 1, 1942. Handwritten arrows on Page 13, highlighting an ad for a furnished apartment. The enclosed newspaper clipping has been separated out and put into oversize materials because of its size (Item # 800366254)</p> | 9/1/1942 |
| 2 | 3 | 800366166 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about his day inspecting rifles, too tired to go to the free show, captain said he would send him to Officers Training School in Aberdeen if he wanted, thinks he will wait to get a rating before he makes a decision, telling her to let him know if she wants to come there and he will look into apartments, would be able to come home to her every night, ,</p>  | 9/2/1942 |

missing her and wishing they were together, hasn't gotten a letter yet but knows the mail service there is terrible. Envelope marked "# 76"

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| 2 | 3 | 800366167 | To Marge from Jack: about finally getting a letter from her, will probably send for her after the 15th, how he wants her to be with him while he is stationed there, telling her not to sell the car, nothing new to talk about since it's the same as always, no mechanic shop there yet, repairs and inspects rifles and machine guns for men who are leaving, no ratings have been given yet. Envelope marked "# 77" | 9/4/1942 |
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| 2 | 3 | 800366168 | To Jack from Marge: about not receiving a letter but writing anyways, talked to Marge on the phone and made plans, talked to the guy interested in selling the car and will stall until she hears back, had hot dogs for dinner and it reminded her of their times together, hope they will be together soon, asking about Officers Training School and his rating | 9/5/1942 |
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| 2 | 3 | 800366169 | To Marge from Jack: about being at the camp for a week but feeling like he has been gone a year, telling her if she wants to come to let him know and he will get a furlough and come get her, was excited to get 2 letters from her and surprised by the postcard from Leischners, wishing they were together, they might start a night shift and he doesn't want to work it. Enclosed: postcard from Leischners addressed to Margie. Enveloped marked "# 78" | 9/5/1942 |
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| 2 | 3 | 800366170 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about it being Labor Day but still having to work, getting disgusted with the Army and still hasn't gotten a rating, thinking of joining the Navy if nothing changes, repeating again about missing her and wishing she were there, will send for her after the 15th whether he gets a rating or not and will start looking for a place for them.<br/>Envelope marked "# 79"</p>  | 9/7/1942  |
| 2 | 3 | 800366171 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about writing when she does, replying to her story of going to the pictures with Ben's Marge, cost to see a show at camp is 15 cents, hoping she tells him everything she does downtown, thinks she should come live with him so he won't have to worry or get jealous.<br/>Envelope marked "# 81"</p>  | 9/9/1942  |
| 2 | 3 | 800366172 | <p>To Jack from Marge: thinks it's too bad he hasn't gotten a rating yet and wondering if he should just go to Officers Training School, how she is mad too about not getting a decent raise, thinks it would be silly to join the Navy if he has the opportunity to go to school, reminding him that he has her forever, everyone at work hears about him, glad they had been married awhile and didn't do it quickly, sent the Leischers a card but not a gift, stomach is bothering her, weather has been rainy</p> | 9/9/1942  |
| 2 | 3 | 800366173 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about her new stationary, asking her again if she wants to move there so he can look for a place to live, wondering if she prefers being away from him, he won't write to her until she lets him know, she could get a job easily, slept through an air raid (?).<br/>Envelope marked "# 80"</p>  | 9/10/1942 |



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| 2 | 3 | 800366174 | To Jack from Marge: about noticing he doesn't write daily, replying to his comments about her going to the Chicago Show and deserving to do things like that for herself, calling him selfish and telling him that she tells him the truth and there are no lies from her, implying that he lies, telling him that if her really loved her like he says then he would trust her, her plans with Marge, how Ann goes out and doesn't get accused of anything from Terry, new shifts at work | 9/11/1942 |
| 2 | 3 | 800366175 | To Jack from Marge: about not going to work today, update on her raise situation, knows he wants her to move there but she wants to know how soon he is planning to go to Officers Training School, asking about his rating and what he actually does at night, spent all day downtown, will answer him about moving when he answers her about Officers Training School. Enclosed: blank piece of lined paper  | 9/12/1942 |
| 2 | 3 | 800366176 | To Marge from Jack: about receiving letters from her and the mail being backed up, asking about work, sent a letter to his father about Officer Candidate School, knows she is a good wife but gets jealous sometimes, was busy all day. Envelope marked "# 82"  | 9/12/1942 |
| 2 | 3 | 800366177 | To Jack from Marge: about spending the day downtown with Anne, hopes he is over being jealous, admits to getting "burned up" in her last letters, going out once in a while helps her feel better because only going to work gets her down, Ann didn't plan on getting married when she went to visit Terry, tomorrow is her first day doing the earlier shift at work, asking about rating, thinks there is going to be a gas ration in Chicago and wishing she sold the car              | 9/13/1942 |

2 3 800366178 To Marge from Jack: about missing her and wanted to call but there was a restriction, asking what she did last night and plans for today, if they lift the restriction early enough he will try to call, might cause a delay in mail. Envelope marked "# 83" 9/13/1942

2 3 800366179 To Marge from Jack: about receiving her "nice" letters and not meaning his letters in that way, gets jealous because he loves her, doesn't think he is good enough for her and worried she might find someone who she thinks is better, will probably always get jealous but that is how he is, how he loves her, apologizing for winding her up, the other fellows put ideas in his head and he worries about her. Drawing of a house on reverse side of last page with a note about not forgetting their plans. Envelope marked "# 84" 9/14/1942

2 3 800366180 To Jack from Marge: about not receiving mail but happy about his call the night before, missing him, wanting to be with him but will stay in Chicago if he is going to school soon, heard the officers school is tough, worried her being there wouldn't be good for his studies, if he gets to be a Lt. then she will be able to go wherever he is stationed, having to be at work an hour earlier and will stick it out and see how it goes, does want to go to business school and would like to work in an office, Ben's Marge bought her engagement ring and their engagement was announced, he doesn't have to worry when she hangs out with Marge or Ann, telling him not to worry or be afraid since she only loves him, sent him a package and telling him to let her know if he needs anything specific 9/14/1942

**Correspondence - September 15-30,  
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| 2 | 4 | 800366181 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about signing the payroll and discovering she won't get any money until he proves they are married, asking her to send a copy of their marriage license, hopes she isn't mad at him, how Terry's position is similar to Ben's, worked hard and is tired. Envelope marked "# 85"</p>  | 9/15/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366182 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about returning a dress after work, being stuck with doing the government reports at work, asking why he had to ask his father for a reference for O. T. S., wondering if he lied about having others to write him recommendations, asking again when he thinks he would go, forgives him for being jealous but hates lies</p>   | 9/16/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366183 | <p>To Jack from Marge: received his letter and will send a copy of their marriage license, asking if the government will pay for the last couple months, how Terry sends Ann money, asking about his rating and Officers Training School, talked to his grandmother, her plans with Marge, Ben and Marge's engagement was announced and he expects a furlough soon, asking his opinion on paying for business school, story of 2 girls from work, her thoughts on work and her pay, thinks she could go to school while he is in Officers Training School</p> | 9/16/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366184 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about how time flies, asking for her to send him something, worked hard and is tired, asking if she likes her new hours, hopes she didn't buy everything she saw when shopping, days are same as usual, got a box of candy from his parents, didn't get a letter from her but has been writing her every day</p>   | 9/16/1942 |

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| 2 | 4 | 800366185 | To Marge from John: about getting her package, telling her not to worry about officer's training school, how he likes the tough stuff but has a hard time studying, hot weather, missing her and thinking of when they will be together. Envelope marked "# 87"   | 9/17/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366186 | To Jack from Marge: about not working and going downtown, sending him the marriage license and a driver's license, details on what she bought, asking if he liked the package she sent, missing him, asking what kind of work he does at camp   | 9/19/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366187 | To Marge from Jack: about why he didn't write yesterday and hopes she knows he isn't telling lies, explaining why he asked his father for a reference and why the Captain can't give a recommendation, says he knows why she returned the dress, proud of her and wishing he could show her off. Envelope marked "# 88" | 9/19/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366188 | To Jack from Marge: about hanging out with Marge and going horseback riding, has more fun riding with him, likes Marge's family and hopes that Ben can get a furlough to spend time with them, missing him and wondering when they will see each other next, plans to wear a new dress to work                          | 9/20/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366189 | To Jack from Marge: about it being cold, not getting much work done and would do better if she got a raise, asking about his meeting with the board of officers and for updates about his plans to go to officer's training school, wishing he was home to see her new dress, asking if he writes Ben                   | 9/21/1942 |

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| 2 | 4 | 800366190 | To Marge from Jack: asking how she liked horseback riding, got a weekend pass and got a ride with someone who is from there, had to take the train back, saw his dad to get a recommendation, started working a night shift, weather is cold, saw people horseback riding while on the train and thought of her, asking about the marriage license, joking about if he was a bad soldier and she was a WAAC. Envelope is not marked with a number. | 9/21/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366191 | To Jack from Marge: about all the phone calls with his grandmother, Ann, and Marge, how cold it is, should get the marriage license tomorrow and will send it, asking his opinion on the payment options for her business school and will start soon if she doesn't go live with him, asking about his rank, commenting that he never answers the questions from her letters   | 9/22/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366192 | To Marge from Jack: about receiving her letter where she talks about horseback riding, his new schedule working the night shift, has to repair 12,000 rifles tonight, wondering how everyone liked her dress, eating the candy she sent. Envelope is not marked with a number.   | 9/22/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366193 | To Jack from Marge: commenting on his lack of letters, didn't receive the marriage license, plans with Marge, weather is cold and rainy, asking if he is going to use the car soon or if she should just sell it, has athlete's foot   | 9/23/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366194 | To Jack from Marge: about having dinner and seeing a show with Marge, how it's one day closer to them being able to be together, dreaming of how it would be if he stayed in the States as a machinist, hoping they will see each other soon, loves the pictures he draws of their future  | 9/24/1942 |

house, reminding him that she is good no matter what she wears

2 4 800366195 To Marge from Jack: asking about the office, explaining why he didn't write yesterday, needs to get envelopes, won't know about stripes until next month, hasn't heard from or written Ben lately, would prefer her over a WAAC in reference to an on-going joke. Envelope is not marked with a number. 9/24/1942

2 4 800366196 To Marge from Jack: about working hard and having cuts and blisters on his hands, might go to the show later, it's raining, might not have gotten his letters because of a big troop movement, letters of recommendation from his father are good, asking how she would like to come and live with him and to let him know, story of seeing a lot of women outside the camp. Envelope is not marked with a number. 9/26/1942

2 4 800366197 To Marge from Jack: about how time flies when he is working but goes slow when he isn't, wishing she was living with him, asking her to let him know if she doesn't think living with him would be good and telling her the decision is hers, the guy he gave the previous letter to mail in town didn't mail it and hoping she isn't made for not getting mail, another rainy day, meals he has had, picture of his lonely heart. Envelope is not marked with a number. 9/27/1942

2 4 800366198 To Jack from Marge: about not receiving letters lately and asking why, went to Cary, Illinois to visit family with her parents, listening to the hit parade on the radio, thinking about how happy they will be in the future, plans to have dinner and see a show with his grandmother, sent the marriage license on Friday, asking about his night shift 9/27/1942

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| 2 | 4 | 800366199 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about being tired of her work and potentially quitting if she doesn't get a raise, sending some films she had developed and asking him to confirm he got the marriage license, commenting on his excuse for not writing, going to move forward with school since he never answered her, finishing the letter later at home, joking about a cartoon she saw and sending him a blank piece of paper, asking about the night shift</p>   | 9/29/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366200 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about it being pay day, received a letter from her, being busy, received a clipping from his parents about Ben that he will send it if she hasn't seen it, asking if she would quit her job and move there if he asked and how much notice/time she would need, details of the kind of job and pay she would have there, asking her to let him know if she wants to move or if she thinks she is better off at home, has a lead on a place to live. Envelope is not marked with a number.</p> | 9/30/1942 |
| 2 | 4 | 800366201 | <p>To Marge from Jack: about receiving the marriage license, got envelopes at the U. S. O. but needs to get stationary in town, commenting on her short letter, not much to say since the same thing happens every day, wishing she would come live there, drawing of their stars at the end of the letter. Envelope not marked with a number. Letter is dated Sept. ? 1942 but the envelope is date stamped 9/30/1942.</p>  | 9/30/1942 |

## Correspondence - October, 1942

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| 2 | 5 | 800366202 | To Jack from Marge: about her previous night with Grandma, saw someone who commented that the next time he comes home he will have bars, hoping to see him soon and that he makes Officer's Training School, thinks it is best to wait for him to finish school before moving to be with him, Sonny Christi was asking about their car, work has been busy, updates from people at home, still likes to hear from him even if it's the same thing over and over | 10/1/1942 |
| 2 | 5 | 800366203 | To Jack from Marge: about writing a second letter, went to Metropolitan Business College to sign up for classes so she could start next week, details of the classes she is taking and her schedule, wants to get a civil service job later on, might start typing letters to get more practice, asking what he thinks of it, they will be done with school about the same time   | 10/1/1942 |
| 2 | 5 | 800366204 | To Jack from Marge: about working overtime, story of Connie's wedding anniversary present, already knew about the clipping of Ben, wrote his parents and sent the pictures they wanted, plans with Ann this weekend, update on Newman, starting classes on Monday, asking him to answer questions about officers school   | 10/3/1942 |
| 2 | 5 | 800366205 | To Jack from Marge: about how she spent her evening, details of the ceremony she went to with Ann, they are having a similar dedication next week for Grandma's block and his name will be added, Lee and Lucky got married, starting school tomorrow and asking about his school plans   | 10/4/1942 |

## Correspondence - May, 1944



2 6 800366206 To Jack from Marge: about how good it was to hear his voice and how it's hard to get used to not having him around, heard something on the radio that reminded her of their times in Stelton, glad to have little Jackie with her and he inherited so many things from him, asking about his school, went to visit her friend Ruth, her dad might get a new contractor and she hopes the room will be finished soon, updates on who she has written 5/21/1944

2 6 800366207 To Jack from Marge: about not hearing from him but hoping that means he is studying, received a letter from his mother and sent his boy scout pants to her for David to wear during a hike, Frankie got a haircut, too tired to write yesterday, has to redo the wash because of problems yesterday, Jackie is cranky, Red Cross doesn't have "baby doctors" for service families, going to go to a doctor instead of the Welfare Station, update on the construction. Enclosed: letter to Marge from "Mother, Paul, & David" (potentially Jack's mother and the letter Marge referenced in her letter to Jack) about being glad she made it back safely and the trip was ok, how Jacky likes his Uncle Franky, how it was nice for Jack to see his old friends, asking her to send Jack's old boy scout pants, asking for Jack's new address, telling her the pictures won't be ready for a couple weeks 5/23/1944

2 6 800366208 To Jack from Marge: hoping he is well since she hasn't heard from him, update on Jackie, update on the construction to turn the drug store across the street into doctor's offices, update on their back porch construction project, Ben and Lyla came to Chicago while Ben is on furlough, Lyla had a miscarriage, everyone says their baby Jack looks like him, Jackie 5/24/1944

keeps her busy and hasn't unpacked everything yet

2 6 800366209 To Jack from Marge: about still not hearing from him and hoping he will write, update on Jackie and how she ended up not taking him to the doctor because of weather, her dad got a price quote for the back porch project, how they are cramped and she feels like getting an apartment for herself 5/25/1944

2 6 800366210 To Jack from Marge: about still not receiving any letters or a phone call and how its making her think terrible things, update on the back porch construction project and other things the company is going to fix/update, update on Jackie, detailing how the doctor's appointment went and her thoughts on the doctor 5/27/1944

2 6 800366211 To Jack from Marge: about finally hearing from him, received a baby gift from Jean and Andy Cline, Dad closed the store early and description of how they spent the afternoon, update on Jackie, hot weather, how much Jackie reminds her of him, hasn't received the money order or rifle yet 5/30/1944

### **Correspondence - June, 1944**

2 7 800366212 To Jack from Marge: about taking Jackie to a new doctor, spoke to someone from Metropolitan about insurance with details on what policy she thinks will work best, asking his opinion on the policies she described, received one government check and another should come soon, told her dad to charge her board but not sure 6/1/1944

what he will do or amount he would charge, asking him to write

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| 2 | 7 | 800366213 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about not writing yesterday because she was so tired, how today is the day of the "great invasion" and hearing about it on the radio, Grandma came over and brought things for Jackie, sent him a package yesterday, saw Lyla and Ben before they left for California, insurance doctor came to examine Jackie, received both checks and update on how much her dad will charge for boarding, took a ride and got cake for her birthday, update on Jackie, telling him she might not be able to write every day, hopes they can be together soon, isn't expecting a lot of mail from him while he is in school, thanking him for the birthday card, sending \$1. Enclosed: news clipping with picture of WAACs and caption in Czech (?), Czech (?) text/article on reverse side</p> | 6/6/1944  |
| 2 | 7 | 800366214 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about not having much to write, another routine day for her and Jackie, update on recent weather, hoping he isn't falling asleep in class, sending a picture and telling him to take lessons from it, went to a show tonight. Enclosed: graphic from potentially a magazine with caption "Start now to baby your tires as never before!" with handwritten note "Papa Jack"</p>  | 6/7/1944  |
| 2 | 7 | 800366215 | <p>To Jack from Marge: about taking a long bath, thanking him for the birthday present he sent, her film still hasn't been developed, update on the back porch construction project, Grandma called with news of her brother Charlie passing, update on weather, how Frankie calls Jackie "Little Superman" and wishing he were there to experience and see</p>  | 6/10/1944 |

everything, wasn't feeling well last night so she didn't write

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| 2 | 7 | 800366216 | To Jack from Marge: about being in Bemis Woods, saw a couple horseback riding and it brought back memories, Frankie got the films developed so she is sending him all the pictures, also sending pictures from Grandma, finishing the letter the next morning, received a letter from him confirming he got the watch  | 6/11/1944 |
| 2 | 7 | 800366217 | To Jack from "Mother": Father's Day card with note asking him to write, how cute his baby is and how it would be wonderful for them to be together   | 6/18/1944 |
| 2 | 7 | 800366218 | To Jack from Marge: about it being hot but took Jackie for a walk around Douglas Park, detailing what she did after the walk, doesn't get much sleep, update on the back porch construction project, got Jackie's insurance policy, Ben's Margie joined the WACS, sent cards for Father's Day, swallowed a watermelon seed, worried because she has yet to get her period following Jackie's birth | 6/16/1944 |
| 2 | 7 | 800366219 | To Jack from Marge: hoping he had a nice Father's Day, it's Ben's 26th birthday and Jackie will be 4 months old tomorrow, Jackie is a comfort while they are apart, update on Jackie and bought him some little sun (?) suits, weather has been hot, went to Montrose Beach yesterday, update on back porch construction project, hasn't gotten a letter from him in a week                        | 6/19/1944 |
| 2 | 7 | 800366220 | To Jack from Marge: finally heard from him and how she was having weird dreams where he was in different places, asking if he got the Father's Day card she sent and will send package with food on Friday, hasn't received the gun or money,  | 6/21/1944 |

can get him a watch if he can't get a cheap one and asking about his old watch, update on the back porch construction project, was a nice day so she took Jackie to Douglas Park, wishing they were together

To Jack from Marge: about having a lot of visitors over at the house including his dad, his dad offered to get them a new baby bed but she is planning on using Frankie's old one, how she spent her Sunday, saw Ann who is back from California, his dad made a comment that he will be surprised if Jack makes this school so encouraging him to surprise his dad. Enclosed: letter to Jack from Marge: (Thursday) about being in Douglas Park with Jackie, still hasn't gotten the money for the car, update on back porch construction project, received a letter from Ben, update on her mom's health, update on Jackie.; Letter to Jack from Marge: (Friday) in Douglas Park again, had a money order made out to him, hasn't received the money from NJ yet and plans to get bonds, construction update, bought a card for his grandmother's birthday. The letter from Friday appears to be missing Page 3, or the pages are incorrectly number. The two enclosed letters (from Thursday and Friday) were originally found in the envelope with the 6/26/1944 letter during processing but it is not clear whether they were all sent together.

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**Correspondence - July, 1944**

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| 2 | 8 | 800366222 | To Jack from Marge: about going for a ride to a farm yesterday, her dad will close the store tomorrow for the 4th of July, Jackie weighs almost 17 pounds now, they are in Douglas Park now, found a lot of old purses when going through some old junk, received 2 government checks, asking about school, update on back porch construction project, has a sty in her eye  | 7/3/1944  |
| 2 | 8 | 800366223 | To Jack from Marge: about being in Douglas Park again because the house is a mess, update on construction projects, her eye looks terrible, how they spent the 4th of July, weather is good there but bets its hot where he is, telling him not to worry about her since Jackie keeps her busy, asking about school and if he got the money order  | 7/6/1944  |
| 2 | 8 | 800366224 | To Jack from Marge: about how hot it is, house is still a mess, received a War Bond from him and also got one herself, her eye is doing better, how Jackie keeps her busy and she doesn't go out at night, will be glad when it gets cooler because it is hard on Jackie, has a busy day ahead of her, asking if he has seen any of the guys he knows, heard from Ben's Margie   | 7/8/1944  |
| 2 | 8 | 800366225 | To Jack from Marge: about being in Douglas Park again, was glad to hear his voice on Saturday, hopes the war is over before he finishes school, her dad always asks how he is getting along in school, her mom is always busy, Jackie is growing, weather is good, Margie is lonely in the Army, went on a ride to the forest preserve yesterday. Letter is undated, date is taken from postal date stamp on envelope. | 7/10/1944 |

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| 2 | 8 | 800366226 | To Jack from Marge: about talking to Grandma over the phone and updating him on everything she said, update on the construction projects, missing him and wishing the 3 of them were together, went on a walk again today in Douglas Park with Jackie, glad she has Jackie to keep her busy so she is not lonesome, how much Jackie looks like him, still hasn't gotten the money or gun               | 7/14/1944 |
| 2 | 8 | 800366227 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter, telling him to keep trying his best and not to worry if he doesn't make it, they have a lot to look forward to when the war is over, glad he finds time to think about them, went to Cary, Illinois yesterday, update on weather, talked to his grandmother on Saturday, received a carriage set from Blanche and Joe, update on construction projects | 7/17/1944 |
| 2 | 8 | 800366228 | To Jack from Marge: about it being a beautiful day and will take Jackie out in his carriage, received letters from Marge and Ben, asking about his weight, commenting that they have been through a lot over their 3 year marriage, wants to take Jackie's picture but is afraid to waste the film if they don't turn out, missing him because of all the little things he used to do for her          | 7/19/1944 |
| 2 | 8 | 800366229 | To Jack from Marge: about the room/construction project almost being finished, update on Jackie, can't see very well to write this letter, went to Sekeras store and got some furniture, received a letter from him and asking questions about his wash  | 7/22/1944 |

2 8 800366230 To Jack from Marge: about receiving the pin along with his letter, glad to hear the news of his wash from him over the phone, not disappointed because she expected this news, it's up to him if he wants to try again, hopes he stays in the States, hopes if he does get sent overseas that he would get settled like Ben and not have to go through was Ben's friend did, update on Jackie, hopes he gets a layover in Chicago if he is transferred, went to the farm again on Sunday, hopes to hear from him soon but understands if letters are delayed 7/24/1944

2 8 800366231 To Jack from Marge: about how Jackie is looking like a little man and how similar they look, asking if he went to Kilmer over the weekend and saw old friends, they were busy yesterday putting together the new beds, hopes to hear from him soon, will go on a ride with her parents tomorrow, asking what A. F. T. C. means 7/29/1944

**Correspondence - August - September, 1944**

2 9 800366232 To Jack from Marge: about being happy to hear from him and that he might be there for a few more months, update on his parents that she received from talking to his grandmother, her mother bought her a clothes closet for her to finally unpack some clothes, Jackie was cross yesterday and might be teething, Frankie is at camp 8/1/1944

2 9 800366233 To Jack from Marge: about it being very warm, took Jackie on another walk to Douglas Park and he is sitting up, got scared when Jackie put a toy too far in his mouth, been trying to find a combination high chair and nursery chair, her mother's plans to varnish some floors, good news 8/2/1944



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|   |   |           | from Churchill about the war being over soon  |           |
| 2 | 9 | 800366234 | To Jack from Marge: about it being another warm day and being in Douglas Park, update on Jackie and how smart he is, asking if they are still keeping him busy  | 8/4/1944  |
| 2 | 9 | 800366235 | To Jack from Marge: about how hot it has been, Jackie is getting tan from only being in his diaper, just spoke to Grandma, David's birthday isn't until October, her parents are cleaning out the old bedroom and varnishing the floors, Frankie is back from camp, surprised that Freddie and George are still at Kilmer, hasn't written Barbara or Ruth but won't mentioned being washed        | 8/4/1944  |
| 2 | 9 | 800366236 | To Jack from Marge: about being in Douglas Park and taking snap shots of Jackie, commenting that it's been awhile since she has heard from him and he should have time to write, stopped nursing Jackie, thinks the war news sounds good and victory is a few weeks away  | 8/7/1944  |
| 2 | 9 | 800366237 | To Jack from Marge: about finally receiving a letter from him and thinks that they should do a letter for a letter again now that he isn't in school, sending some pictures with descriptions of them, has another roll of film being developed, currently in the park with Jackie, asking him to send her the picture his mother sent him, update on Jackie and asking for his opinion on things | 8/9/1944  |
| 2 | 9 | 800366238 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter, weather is too hot to go outside, update on Jackie, wishing they could all be together, looks like the war will be over soon and asking if they will settle in Chicago, got another cold in her eye, asking how he likes basic training and   | 8/10/1944 |

when the person from Kilmer is going to send the items, asking what will happen after basic training

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| 2 | 9 | 800366239 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving a letter from him, in Douglas Park with Jackie and update on how he has been, might get the high chair from Grandpa's attic, wishing they were together and settled, story of getting parenting advice from the man who installed the radiator, another hot day, wondering if he will call tonight since he mentioned it last time they spoke, enjoys talking to him and wishing he were close enough to come home on the weekends like her cousin Charlie | 8/12/1944 |
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| 2 | 9 | 800366240 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving his letter and how he should have received the snap shots she sent, missing his letters just as much as him and telling him to keep writing, hasn't received anything he sent or the money from the guy at O. C. S., went for a ride yesterday and her parents brought the high chair from her grandpa's, plans to update the high chair, another hot day so she is home with Jackie, reminiscing on when Jackie was born since he will be 6 months soon | 8/14/1944 |
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| 2 | 9 | 800366241 | To Jack from Marge: about being confused after receiving mail from him where he mentions not hearing from her, how Jackie keeps her busy but she still takes the time to write so he should be able to write when he gets weekend passes, explaining that he won't get much mail from her because she is only writing when she gets a letter, asking if his new address is correct and telling him to ask what is happening with his mail, sending this letter registered mail so he gets it, how much she loves him and telling him | 8/15/1944 |
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not to be surprised if she is pregnant again

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| 2 | 9 | 800366242 | To Jack from Marge: about being glad to finally have received a letter from him and that he got the pictures she sent, in Douglas Park with Jackie, plans to paint the high chair when they get home, Grandpa is going to pain the kiddy car/walker for her, talk of Jackie growing up and hopes the war is over soon so he can spend time with Jackie while he is still a baby, update on Jackie teething | 8/16/1944 |
| 2 | 9 | 800366243 | To Jack from Marge: about Grandma and her friend Hilda visiting, commenting that basic training should be over and wondering if he will stay there after, missing him and wishing he were there, how cute Jackie is and updates on his clothes and eating in the high chair, hoping the news on the radio is as good as it sounds  | 8/19/1944 |
| 2 | 9 | 800366244 | To Jack from Marge: about being glad to receive some mail from him, update on Jackie and his difficult behavior, went for a ride to Mundelein and Diamond Lake yesterday, his letters sound like he will be home soon and she is hopeful, update on some house renovations   | 8/21/1944 |
| 2 | 9 | 800366245 | To Jack from Marge: about being busy helping her mom with laundry, finally got the other film developed and asking what he thinks of them, story of tying Jackie's bottle to the bed with a string and another story of Jackie pulling on Trippie's whiskers   | 8/22/1944 |
| 2 | 9 | 800366246 | To Jack from Marge: about receiving a letter from him about being busy at camp, explanation of putting together the playpen and why she is going have it exchanged, in Douglas Park with Jackie  | 8/23/1944 |

and Frankie, got proofs from the photographer and will have the best one made, sent 8 snapshots of Jackie yesterday and hopes he likes them

To Jack from Marge: about how long it has been since they have seen each other and wondering how much longer it will be, Frankie is painting the high chair for Jackie, store is out of paint so the kiddy car won't be painted to match, her and Jackie have been sick, weather is beautiful and they are in Douglas Park, how the city will celebrate if Germany signs the armistice, hasn't heard from him and wondering how it is and if he is still in Aberdeen, wondering if he will be able to spend time at home before being sent out, missing him

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| 2 | 9 | 800366247 | To Jack from Marge: about how long it has been since they have seen each other and wondering how much longer it will be, Frankie is painting the high chair for Jackie, store is out of paint so the kiddy car won't be painted to match, her and Jackie have been sick, weather is beautiful and they are in Douglas Park, how the city will celebrate if Germany signs the armistice, hasn't heard from him and wondering how it is and if he is still in Aberdeen, wondering if he will be able to spend time at home before being sent out, missing him | 9/2/1944 |
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**Series Two: Miscellaneous Ephemera**      **1937-1939, u.d.**

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| 2 | 10 | 800366248 | Ticket for Santa Clara of Cal. Vs Marquette, Soldier Field   | 10/30/1937 |
| 2 | 10 | 800366249 | Small program for St. Teresa Lodge # 489, I. C. S. L. U., Annual Dance at the Assumption Ballroom with No. 91 printed on back; small pumpkin shaped name tag with "Hello My name is Marge"; small envelope with "Marge" written on outside | 10/8/1938  |
| 2 | 10 | 800366250 | Program for Harrison High School Spring Concert with "Marge" written on front cover  | 5/12/1939  |
| 2 | 10 | 800366251 | Small program for Royal Cardinals Athletic Club, Annual Dance at New Lawndale Ballroom with No. 607 printed on back (Copy 1 of 2, with sequential numbers printed on the back)   | 10/21/1939 |

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| 2                                       | 10 | 800366252 | Small program for Royal Cardinals Athletic Club, Annual Dance at New Lawndale Ballroom with No. 608 printed on back (Copy 2 of 2, with sequential numbers printed on the back)   | 10/21/1939  |
| 2                                       | 10 | 800366253 | Envelope with "From Frank and Jack" written in cursive on the front, part of the top and the flap have been torn off. Envelope does not contain anything.  | u.d.        |
| <b>Series Three: Oversize Materials</b> |    |           |  | <b>1942</b> |
| OS 1                                    |    | 800366254 | From the 9/1/9142 letter to Marge from Jack (Item # 800366165): Pages 13-14 from The Daily Home News, New Brunswick, N. J., Tuesday, September 1, 1942. Handwritten arrows on Page 13, highlighting an ad for a furnished apartment. | 9/1/1942    |