

C. Earl Hulburd Letters Regarding Earl S. Hulburd

1944 – 1950

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The following letters were written by C. Earl Hulburd (“Dutch”) to his daughter Betty Hulburd-Hine-Alderson. They each contain information about Dutch’s son Earl S. Hulburd (“Bud”).

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July 7, 1944

Dear Betty & Kurt -

Bud's (or Herky's) trunk & duffel arrived safely and are unpacked with a goodly percent of things on the floor. Bud & I see eye to eye in that respect - untidiness - and ere long a walk across the floor will be in the nature of an obstacle test. The express charges were about the amount of my telephone call, reversed, so we are about even in that respect.

Pop expressed my large portrait to you about a week ago & it should be reposing back of your furnace by now; poisonous to rodents and pesky insects. Hope you got it anyway - and not too damaged. Thanks for relieving us.

Bud (damn it, Herky) is at Pete Chouteau's whom he has seen thrice since arrival. Believe they have gone to a movie. He started to work this a.m. at a "Star" filling station at Newstead & Selman, new since we left StL. Rather large place - 18 pumps. The salary is, so we understand, \$120 per month - maybe \$110⁰⁰. Union initiation of \$27⁰⁰ & 2 months dues @ 3⁰⁰ per will have to come off. Not so bad! But he deserves it as he has hit the pavement each day since arrival. He could have had a dozen good jobs except for his age. However between us we got permission for him to work so all is Jake - we hope.

Today (he laid off this p.m.) he finished his Human Engineering Laboratory test. I stopped by for his ~~score~~ score. His aptitude shows that! -

He is ultra objective (as opposed to subjective)
 Low in structural visualization
 Very high in creative imagination.
 Observation 85% to 90% - excellent
 Finger dexterity 81% } very superior
 Tweezer " 100%

His field is selling } an objective approach
 Advertising } to group-influencing
 Sales promotion } fields.

Would make a bang-up musician (piano) &
 probably go far (Vince Lopez, etc. - radio & public)

Make a swell politician

A lousy engineer (no flair for analysis, study)

A darned good journalist - if he would expand
 vocabulary,

Probably should be left handed

Small school & small college recommended because
 of special attention (hell).

Liberal arts, (let salesmanship come later),

That's about all. Oh yes, make a good banker.

This doesn't mean he wouldn't be a good engineer,
 but that something else would be lots easier.



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Heck & I are having fun and he is getting to know & like the city. His first thoughts upon arrival were to have me move east thus permitting his return to Morristown. I have done nothing to influence him one way or another - just letting nature take its course, and lately he hasn't mentioned the east so much. We shall see.

He is a smiling, sloppy, friendly, aggravating lovable kid. Everyone likes him, including me! His working hours are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.

He has seen 4 ball games, 2 Cards & 2 Browns, & knew the players much better than I. We have been to Miss. River & Meramec River, Emerson plant and all over the city. The "landlady" told me tonight she had never seen Father & Son so comparable. Good. We have a nice enough place & good meals; convenient to everything. I shall pay his board & room and shall try to have him pay for everything else at \$1.⁰⁰ per day, saving the rest. This is pretty little for him considering lunch, carfare, laundry & amusements - but I'll try anyway.

He is very high in his praises of you folks. He misses you & the wilds of N.J. but seems to be

doing OK never the less. I'll keep you posted
and no doubt he will write you shortly.

I do hope you two will be able to get
away for a while on your vacation. Both
deserve it.

The best to both of you

Love

Dutch - Dad

P.S. This is written on a magazine on
the bed. Hope it isn't too illegible.

My Emerson rating for June was
90%. Har Har Har

January 16, 1950

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January 16, 19~~40~~⁵⁰

Dear Betts and Kirt:

Herk's score in the High School Equivalent exam was 500. 275 was passing. He rated no. 15 in 265 persons tested - practically in the first 5%. However ----- it is VERY late to get in the exams for Washington U mid-year and we doubt very much if he will be able to enter in February. Heck.

Love,

Dad -

April 3, 1950

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*Am having
12 pictures of Bud
made. You'll get
yours. Have heard nothing
from Dede.*

C. Earl Hulburd
5077 Washington Boulevard
Saint Louis 8, Missouri

April 3, 1950

Dear Betty and Kirt:

First to Betts: I shall not dwell on how good it was to see you and have you here during the troublesome days. You know about that. I will say, however, that practically everyone has stopped me to tell of your charm, friendliness and efficiency in handling matters. You really made a hit. Mrs. Hoffman said that you should be spanked for sending the plant -- but she beamed until I thought she would burst. I finally got off my replies to the last batch of condolences tonight (many came after you left). I had my insurance changed to you as beneficiary (\$2,500 worth). I shall write a will and do the other chores as soon as possible.

Now to both of you: There is nothing new by way of information except that Ed Hozak called this a.m. to say he had scattered Bud's ashes as requested. A check to Bud's order for \$53 came today from the RR Board despite my letter warding them off. I shall now have to return it with the request that it be divided equally between Betts and Dede.

The enclosed copy of letter received from the Civil Aeronautics Board at Kansas City is self-explanatory. It may give Kirt an inkle where to go - or have his man at Curtis go - as the next step. Personally I do not think they will give the information to a civilian because they know what I want it for - insurance suit. I told Betts about Jack Lancaster, the AAF Officer-in-Charge at Emerson saying he would look in on the KC office tomorrow. I told him of the letter received today (which Mrs. Hoffman read to me over the phone) and he said he would be in Washington shortly and that if I heard nothing before he left he would be glad to call on that office. Between him and Kirt's man we may be able to get some information. A girl at the office is married to a guy who is a friend of a CCA man in St. Louis and she promised to wheedle all the information possible from him. I don't know what that may be worth,

I am getting along nicely, kidding myself into believing Bud is away at college. Of course I have some bad moments but everything is under control except that my efforts at Emerson are still not worth much. Incidentally, Betts, remember the letter I got from Fred Hume at the Mayor's office? Well next day came a beautiful letter from the Mayor. I have known him unintimately for 30 years and was surprised and delighted to hear from him.

This is about all for the moment. I'll keep you posted as things come up. I'm about "written out".

Enclosed is \$5 for the boys on the 14th. you might even spend some of it for next Sunday.

Love to all, and I DO appreciate seeing you, Betts. It was a lifesaver, really. I know Kirt would have been here too if it were possible.

Dad

April 8, 1950

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C. Earl Hulburd
5077 Washington Boulevard
Saint Louis 8, Missouri

April 8, 1950

Dear Betts and Kirt:

Enclosed is: Thank-you note from the Schmids
Condolences from the Marine Reserve
Copy of
Letter from CCA, which is self explanatory
My letter to Kennedy Chevrolet

You notice the CCA letter says they will WRITE me when the detailed report is received, which is abit hazy. But we shall have to wait and see. Any strings you can pull will be most welcome. If I don't hear from them within a reasonable time I'll contact them again.

Betts, did you take that book from the funeral home? I can't find it and suppose you have it. If so will you please send me the address and name of Donnie? I promised her I would send a photo of Bud.

At first the Veterans people sort of snooted the Coroner's death certificate on the grounds that identification of a guy practically decapitated could not be identified. They lost sight of the fact of process of elimination, plus the finding of his ring, car keys, wrist watch, green shirt, and burnt book of car service tickets, might have some bearing on the identification. However, today a post card came saying the matter was in the mill and would have attention, so I assume all is well.

Had a letter from Dede yesterday. While she seemed shocked, she seemed to be more worried about me. Hell, I have things under control, and while I think of him a lot and miss him terribly I have about eliminated the self-pity. It is still tough but I'll get along.

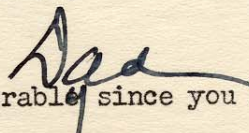
I have answered all the mail. A nice letter came from Chauncey Heath and Edith, and a stragler comes in most every day, but I get rid of them quick.

Did you get the cook book I had sent from the Gov't Printing Office? Look it over when it comes, it is interesting.

I ordered a dozen pictures of Bud and I'll send one on as soon as they arrive.

I'll keep you posted, and you do likewise.

Love,



My leg had improved considerably since you left.

April 8, 1950 - Enclosure

HEADQUARTERS,
THIRD INFANTRY BATTALION,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,
NAVAL-MARINE CORPS RESERVE TRNG. CTR.,
FOOT OF FERRY STREET, ST. LOUIS 7, MISSOURI

4 April, 1950

Mr. C. Earl HULBURD,
5077 Washington Boulevard,
St. Louis 8, Missouri

My dear Mr. HULBURD:

The untimely death of your son, Corporal
Earl S. HULBURD, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, is a source of
great sorrow to me and to his many friends in this Battalion.
Please accept our deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Earl's integrity and devotion to duty won
for him the respect of all who knew him. Although I realize
that mere words can do little to console you in your grief,
I earnestly hope that the knowledge your son is keenly missed
by his many friends will in some measure alleviate your sad-
ness.

Sincerely yours,

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C. W. STAHL,
Lieutenant Colonel, USMCR,
Commanding Officer