

Dear Jean:

1506 N. Beach Av.

Beach Haven, N.J.

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5:15 P.M.

While there is yet
enough light - even tho

I do not know when you
will receive it, I will begin my "book"
"The End of Beach Haven" by, an eye
witness! We have no water & no electric -
many have no homes, numerous ones,
no lives. So they say, 'this is the end of
B.H. worse than 1944 - It started with
rain Mon. night - yesterday they evacuated
everyone who would go - from the inlet.

A few who refused are now dead -
we hear the inlet is gone. 3 went to
take pictures & are gone - Leonetti -
Bob Osborne & Ken Thipman - trapped
in a truck & drowned. 2's umbrellas -

gone - Betty & I walked down today to
see the horses - beach part, likewise
gone, mattresses & pillows - furniture
strewn all over the streets up to

Beach Av. At our place here the bay
& ocean met & the ground was a
lake but no water came in. We
were lucky. All the evacuees were
taken to the 1st. Aid yesterday &

just as my now - over to the

school in Mana. Since they have 2,
water etc. I had here an elderly
couple who lost everything in 1944
also, she had a stroke then. They
wanted to stay but since there is
no water, they had to go. It's
fantastic. I had to laugh when I
thought of you & your wash. Nancy
Jim & the 2 babies went to Barney &
Pat to his Mama. Betty & I stayed
put. No one knows the damage - or
how many houses went out, many,
fire also took some - The army
brought in water & we got a
pitcher full just lately to drink.
(Boil first) Can't flush a toilet
or water the plants or one's face.
Cars are again tearing up &
down Beach Av. Bay is a
flood - no stores open & at high
tide about 7 P.M. no doubt it
will be a lake again here but
they predict 2 1/2 y. has the worst
yet now. No mail of course
in or out - wind terrific.

As to humbler news, yes, Joanna³
is happy & doing fine - Mr. W. &
Betsey finally got here Thurs. to Sun.
& home again via So. cat.

The cat says, "what the heck
is this all about"? So says every
one else as it has no name
just - "the tides". Like we
say, "you would never believe it
unless you saw it" I'll light
candles now & go to bed early.
Last night we didn't undress
& had little sleep, you can bet.
I guess you can be glad you
are where you are, my dear
lady. Cars are not allowed to
come in or go out - just the
buses to take the people & the
army trucks.

B.H. will pick up no doubt
& rebuild. Want any wood
for your fire place? We have
lots - all over the island.

The worst is over - I hope. 4.
No doubt you got it 10 A.M.

All on T.V. Light & T.V. came
back last night - no more high
water - at 9 A.M. an army truck
came by & served us drinking
water - As you heard - we are
"a disaster area" - no one al-
lowed in till Mon, or on the
beach. Many left the is. yester-
day by army truck but Betty &
I decided to remain. It seems
Bob Osborne drowned & Leo-
netta died of a heart attack -
Coroner's report. Chipman has
not been found as yet - 7 others
missing from the inlet. My
husband calls up but my sister
could not reach me by phone
so she called my husband.
Bye for now. I'll put this in the
box. You'll get it someday no doubt.
Ora.