

Oakland Hospitality House

660 = 13th Street, Oakland, California

Sunday October 3, 1943

Dearest Folks,

I have just completed some sandwiches and milk down stairs, so I shall now write to you.

I got out on liberty this morning at 10:30 A.M. and I just had enough time to find the Methodist church here to get in for the 11:00 service. as you see by the bulletin I am enclosing I attended ~~the~~ ^{Fourth} Jackson church. Remember when we passed it one night in November a while back? The choir was really alright and they did their numbers OK. But the minister wasn't too good. He might have been if I could understand him but I couldn't. I don't think that I was the only one who couldn't for I saw several of the choir members nodding their heads also. I think that I got the most out of the communion service. It really meant a lot to me. I think that it is the first one that I have ever taken away from home or away from people I know. It certainly did bring our family close to me and I am glad I went for that one reason. I am sending a card that they gave me there. God what did you say was the best church here in the Bay region? I may be able to get down to San Jose next liberty and see Dr. Johnson.

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It has been a week of a lot of routine
out at the Island. Next week we are scheduled
to go on Guard Company. That means that our
company guards the island for 1 week. It really
is not bad for we are on 2 hours and off 4 hours.

I heard from Gene and also Bob during
the week. I shall try to write them again
on the first of the week.

It certainly has been beautiful here
the last week. But I do miss the aspens. I
bet that you had some leaves in church today.
I wish that I were there to enjoy them. But
there are a lot of things here that are beautiful
also. I saw quite a few cala lilies in bloom
while I was walking back from church this A.M.
(I should say P.M.)

I wish that some of the churches here had
the facilities that ~~our~~ our church in C.S. has for
Service men. I know that it would mean a lot
to the fellows here if they ~~some~~ could have some
thing like that.

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Dad remember Bob Allen - he arrived here Friday. It was good to talk with him. I saw him this a.m. after chapel on the Island and he said after hearing the chaplain that he wished you were here, or more so that he was there.

I am ~~and~~ enclosing some to the money. I shall try to be more regular ~~with~~ in sending it.

I am sorry to hear that The Grashams are leaving First Church in Tacoma. They certainly have worked there and helped it along. One certainly admires a family like theirs.

Maybe I have rambled long enough now. It certainly is wonderful to send and receive ~~letters~~ letters.

It is next best to seeing and hearing your voices. I hope you don't get tired of hearing it but the longer I am away from home the more proud and thankful I am for our family and what mom and dad have meant to us kids. I hope that we make you proud by our actions -

Love Jim