

about bid so - just at my time 26 November 1945
dinner is next and now th^t Thanksgiving Day + 3

Dearest Folks - - - also added because of rob

yes this has been a very thankful week,
for there has been a great deal to be thankful for.
But, the last day of the year is also thanksgiving
indeed in my way for it seems God's blessings
and presence are here always. Thursday was
a good day for we all slept later and did
what we pleased in the morning. Then at 12:00
we had our big meal and am enclosing one of the
menus I typed up and you shall get a better
idea from it as to our meal, than you would
if I tried ~~describing~~ describing it in the words
~~seen~~ out did things easier in preparing and
putting the meal out and were all round open
the book at our part as long as we
as just there were many mistakes often made
in the past that went that required - one
had eaten when we went out to the Amatique
for the meal, and also several in town when
the ~~wherever~~ were first all also one when we
were there "Guests of the King" I remember), etc.
(remembered over ate) so spent the afternoon sleeping
(I was quite tired and really) and filling Biology the
general like the evening we had a ^{good} review
so it was a good ending to the day. No one
spoke much but we all wondered if maybe Ruth and

Robert was with you for the day - or did Colorado
celebrate the 29th? It must have been a wonderful
day for him and Sally also - I am glad they
could be together. I will visit up
of his house a good day also. In the
evening we went to Chapel at the Army Post, and
the service there was good. The regular chaplain
wasn't there and the man who took his place
(also a army chaplain) was good, but very old.
He was quite ill but he gave the type of sermon that
the fellows out there need and it was a good talk.
Afterwards we took bus up to begin a dinner.
Some news came in from West quarters in
Sakai this afternoon that is pretty good. They
sent enough men and equipment to build a
new chain of stations on the river section
of Japan. Just as they were to unload washing-
tubs decided that the chain was not necessary so
they canceled it. As a result of that they
can't be sending 50% of the men down to Korea
and they will be used to relieve those of us
who come out of the original crew of these
stations. If it all works out we should be
reduced to 50% in December - I hope so! Privately
all of the high pt. men have already gone
home so there are only 10% who will
have to go. Of the other 3 stations
are the same so there should be enough.

we are keeping our fingers crossed at this end
hoping that nothing comes up between now
and then to interfere with the relief.

They have been making a big drive the last
two days trying to clear the island of
the following equipment they bring there over
yesterday left two the hills, who are fully armed,
and with the aid of loud speakers, special broad
band tape recorders and etc. they went to
get them all in. Because by this time hardly
any the birds to be found upland & ground vision
restricted. Now it is true, all pink pins was
taken off before Christmas box came yesterday &
and rather than wait until the 25th I opened
them. The cookies made them self nicely fresh,
and they were good. Everything is very wonderful
indeed & that is all you for that is why every
I am. On the 25th I shall light the candle and
we shall be close together as package come from
Audrey along with you and its was good flew
over to get it from bus was still with
plane I weighed myself at the fleet b.o. yesterday -
I don't know about 185 now. A couple weeks of your
cooking tho more plus about 10 gallons of milk
should bring me back up to 195.

The adventure that was enclosed in the
Christmas box was interesting. Bob has had
some interesting experiences down there - it will

be great to exchange experiences when we are together again. now i will finish

He extended his hand thinking of you on the last Happy Birthday fellas! just

for him and all of the copies he has all been playing political jokes on me lately and he began to watch my step at night yesterday and there was a fool shouting it with me. He tonight the tide has turned tho, someone told them I had pulled a trick on them and they are up worrying them selves trying to find it although done any thing tho, but it is worth it just to see them trying to discover what I have done. At this time now melt return bus this afternoon we had a road contest. There were 12 people the fellas who entered and it was really funny. We dug a ditch (30 feet) on the valley road about and placed the road on side. It was 5 minutes before any of them would get in all 12 went at once. Among them was Mr. Parker

It is late now and most of the fellas are asleep. The moon has just come up and it is lovely. I think of all of you so much and pray that God's spirit will keep us here our art pictures

. 281 at 9 o'clock at home in bed

etc in bed and now talk of friends etc
but say no. pictures are now mounted
in the hall where the entrance of the office is