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Sunday -

Dearest Folks,

It is Sunday morning here, I have just returned from chapel and dinner is an hour or more away, and I want to talk with you.

This is a "spring" day here - The wind is blowing quite hard, the sky is semi overcast and looking out toward the sea I can see a white caps. The breakers on the reef are also quite high - makes one go to be looking at them, rather than trying to go thru them. It is the type of day that I would like to be up high some place in the mountains, where you can feel the wind cutting against you, and perhaps on the way down there would be a few post (or) flowers hiding around the rocks. Yes, that would be good.

The past week has seen considerable improvement in the appearance of the Station - more palms and banana trees are in place and they look nice. Several of the fellows have constructed a porch on the front of the

C.O.'s hut - I don't know what to for, but it looks good. Soon I imagine we shall start painting the interiors of the huts - it has been some time since they were done, and the veins across the top show rust flakes.

On Friday I had occasion to see the quarters the army is constructing for Army wives and families of men here. Our C.O. wants to bring his wife out here and he wanted to see what the army was doing - as I was along on the trip I looked them over also. The buildings are made of plywood and run by fours and are about 100 feet long, and 25 feet wide - like two quarters end to end. They have a kitchen, bath and large bedroom, also two other rooms. The leeward side of the hut is built into a long porch running the full length and screened in. They have a refrigerator, and electric stove - the rest of the equipment is very poor. How anyone would think of bringing their family out here is beyond me - but their staying in the service is something I can't figure out either.

Will you notice the new rating after my name? They have discontinued all Radio Techs in the C.V. we are now Electronics Technicians mates - E.T.M. or no! There is supposed to be a new rating badge out, but so far we haven't heard or seen what it is like.

Friday night, Saturday night and this evening they are having the playoffs of the Island Basket Ball League (many). I have gone both nights, and plan on attending this evening - they play some some excellent ball for service teams, and it is good to watch.

I have been reading some stories out of the latest Book of the Month Club selection that is sent to us. The book is "The Fireside Book of Christmas Stories," and seems to have a good selection in it. Many of them are familiar, but it is good to ~~go~~ go over them again.

The chapel service this morning was well attended. Up until today they were having two services, but today it was one. The attendance was much better than at either of the two services, and I think I like it better, the atmosphere I mean.

The fellow who sang the solo (Take time to be
holley) was very good. It seems that I have
clearly heard him before - I don't know. His
name is Jack Anderson.

It is lunch time now so I will close.
May each day that passes see us in more
service to him. I pray that we shall be close
in spirit until we can be together again -

Yours
John