

SUNDAY AFTERNOON-
13 JANUARY 1946

DEAREST FOLKS,

THE WIND IS BLOWING QUITE STRONG, AND ALTHO THE SUN IS BRIGHT IT ISNT TOO HOT. IT IS THE TYPE OF DAY THAT WILL BE COMING TO COLORADO IN THE NEAR MONTHS, I LIKE THE COLORADO SPRINGS. ONE DAY IT IS WINTER AND ALL IS BLEAK, THEN IT SUDDENLY DAWNS ON YOU THAT SPRING IS VERY MUCH HERE AND THAT WHICH MAKES SPRING WHAT IT IS ALSO EFFECTS THE SPIRIT OF MAN.

YOU HAVE ALL BEEN SO CLOSE TO ME THESE PAST FEW DAYS AND BECAUSE OF IT I AM THANKFUL. MOTHERS- RICHARDS- AND ALSO A LETTER FROM GENE HAVE MADE THE PAST WEEK A GOOD ONE. THANKS A LOT MOM FOR GETTING JANICE'S CORSAGUE(SP), AND ALSO FOR WHAT YOU DID WITH THE REST OF THE MONEY. JANICE WROTE THAT IT WAS "THE MOST BEATIFUL CORSAGE IVE EVER HAD". SHE ALSO MENTIONED HOW GOOD IT WAS TO BE THERE WITH ALL OF YOU THE SEVERAL TIMES WHILE SHE WAS HOME. IT WOULD BE SWELL TO SEE MARILYN, SHE MUST BE SOME NIECE. BUT THEN THAT GOES FOR THE REST OF THEM TOO (JOHN AND PATRICIA).

IT WAS GOOD TO GET YOUR LETTER RICH, I ANSWERED IT THE SAME DAY SO BY THE TIME THAT THIS REACHES HOME IT SHOULD ALREADY BE THERE.

I HOPE THAT GENE CAN GET A TEMPORARY APOINTMENT FROM FEBRUARY UNTIL CONFERENCE TIME. IT WAS SWELL TO BE STATIONED AT BREMERTON AND THAT WAY HE IS ABLE TO GET TO P.A. WITHA OUT MUCH DIFFICULTY. I WONDER IF WHILE WE WERE LIVING IN TACOMA AND WERE TOLD THAT HE WOULD BE STATIONED THERE, WHAT WE WOULD HAVE SAID- HARD TO TELL ISNT IT! HIS LETTER TO BOB AND I WAS FULL OF APPRECIATION FOR THE HOLLIDAY SEASON, AND BEING WITH YOU.

THE CHAPEL SERVICE THIS MORNING SEEMED EXTRA GOOD, WHETHER IT WAS MEZ OR THE SERVICE I DONT KNOW. BUT I DO KNOW MORE THAN EVER

BEFORE THAT WHAT I GET OUT OF A SERVICE IS LARGELY DUE TO THE ATTITUDE I HAVE WHEN I GO IN. PERHAPS THAT IS TRUE WITHALL OF US. THEY HAD A QUARTET OF NEGRO MEN THAT SANG, AND THEY WERE VERY GOOD. IT HAS ALWAYS SEEMED THAT A GOOD PART OF HEARING A NEGRO SING IS TO BE ABLE TO WATCH THEM, FOR OFTEN THEIR FACES TELL PART OF THEIR STORY.

THE REACTION TO THE ARMY DEMOBILIZATION HAS NOT BEEN FELT SO STRONGLY HERE. SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL COMITIES HAVE STOPPED HERE (& BETWEEN PLANES), AND BY WHAT THE SOLDIERS WHOM I HAVE TALKED WITH HAVE SAID, THEY DIDNT GET VERY MUCH SATISFACTION FROM THEM. THE WHOLE PROBLEM IS SOME WHAT COMPLEX I THINK. AT LEAST IT IS MORE THAN JUST "ACCUTE HOMESICKNESS" AS SOME PUT IT. A LARGE PART OF THE WA Y A FELLA THINKS HERE IS AFFECTED BY THE LETTERS HE GETS FROM THOSE IN THE STATES. A LOT OF THE MEN HERE ARE REALY WORRIED ABOUT THE LABOR PROBLEM, AND THE EFFECT THAT IT WOULD HAVE ON THEM IF THEY WERE HOME AND LOOKING FOR A JOB. THEY FEEL THAT IF THEY COULD GET HOME AND HAVE A OPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT LABOR, CDOSE UP, IT WOULD BE THAT MUCH BETTER. THEN TOO PATTERSON BEING OUT HERE HASNT HELPED MUCH, FOR BY A LARGE PART OF THE QUESTIONS HE HAS BEEN ASKED THE ANSWERS HAVE SHOWN THAT HE ISNT TO WELL INFORMED. EVEN ABOUT THE WAR DEPARTMENT. AND THAT ALL ADDS TO THE FEELING OF A UNCERTAINTY AMONG THE HIGHER UPS IN WASHINGTON. MORE THAN ANY OTHER TIME IN THE PAST OR EVEN THE FURURE AMERICA HAS THE OPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT CHRISTIANITY IN A WORKING FORM CAN MEAN, YET I~~W~~ WONDER IF WE ARE READY OURSELVES, EVEN TO EXTEND IT IN OUR OWN COUNTRY. WELL, ALL THIS HAS BEEN ON MY MEND A LOT LATEEY AID I WANTED TO SNARE IT WITH YOU.

THE BOAT WE BUILT REALY WORKS SWELL. SEVERAL TIMES THIS PAST WEEK WE HAVE GONE OUT TO THE REEF, AND ONCE EVEN OVER IT IN TO THE

OCEAN BEYOND. IT HANDLES NICELY AND AS SOON AS WE CAN GET ANOTHER SET OF BAR LOCKS FROM THE NAVY IT WILL BE MORE THAN COMPLETE.

MOST OF THE TALK AROUND THE BASE HERE IS THE LOWERING OF POINTS IN THE COAST GUARD. ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT HAS BEEN HEARD OVER THE RADIO. I HAVE BEEN DEPENDING ON COMING HOME ON RATATION- WHAT THE LOWERING OF POINTS WILL DO WITH THAT IS TOO EARLY TO TELL. NOW I HAVE 30 POINTS SO THE LOWERING OF THEM WONT EFFECT ME FOR SOME TIME.

IT IS TIME FOR THE WATCH TO BE RELIEVED- THAT MEANS THAT I CAN GO OVER AND EAT SUPPER NOW, SO I MUST STOP. I HOPE THAT AS EACH DAY GOES BY OTHERS MAY SEE GODS WORK, IN US, AND THAT BECAUSE OF IT HIS LOVE MAY BE PRACTICED BY MORE AND MORE.

*lots of love
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