



UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

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6:15 P.M.

Dear Folkes,

I have arrived! And since I have you all on my mind I shall write.

I guess that I shall start with yesterday (Thursday) we arrived here Thursday at about 10:45 and right away we stowed our gear (baggage) and got our bedding. It consists of 2 white wool blankets - two mattress covers - a mattress - and a pillow. We put this in a temporary barracks and then to chow - Boy the food is really good if you don't get filled up you can go back as many times as you wish.

After lunch (chow) we had our hair cut (now you ought to see me) my hair is gone - that is all but about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch of fuzzy it looked like the beard that it had. After our hair cut we had a little Physical and then just layed around till about 4:45 when we had evening chow. After that lantern call then colors and then showers and

letter writing till 9:30 when lights go out.

This morning we got up (6:00) and had chow. then we went to the ship service (P X) and got our ~~clothes~~ cloths issued to us. Boy oh Boy what we didn't get. In my next letter shall try and tell you all about it.

after noon chow we had to go and get all our clothing plus our bedding and put it all in our mattress covers and carry it over to the barracks where I am now. this is supposed to be my permanent barracks. I sure hope so. they are really swell. all white asbestos siding and really neat inside.

This evening I went to the U.S.O. show. it was compulsory. the entertainment wasn't bad and there were a lot of luffs. the luffs make you forget you are getting yelled at by a lot of small fups. they also make you forget about your home sickness for a spell.

one felle here has written 10 letters



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to his girl in Salt Lake.

The lights go out y about 5 min.
and there are a lot of things that
I havent said but I shall write
again.

When you get away from home
you dont know how much you can
really appreciate your own home. I
know I sure appreciate mine much more
especially when I see some of the
bellas here and get to know their back
grounds —

Love.
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