



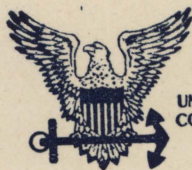
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Dearest Folks,

Well my 60 hour pass is over so I shall tell about it! Saturday at 1:00 o'clock it started. a fella from St. Louis & I struck out together and we headed for San Francisco. We arrived there about 4:00 so we went to the Pepsi Cola house. It is really a marvelous place. The entire first floor is a fountain with pepsi's free (does that sound good Rick?) and every thing else 5¢. there is also a information booth there. The second floor consists of writing tables, toilet (W.C.) showers & towels (free) also shoe shine equipment - and 4 pant presses. the third & fourth floors are given to the women of the armed forces. and the 5th and 6th are mens dormitories. We stayed there Sunday night.

By the time we finished looking



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looking over the P.C. House it was 6:15 so we went up to the Hospitality House and had a small meal. After supper we were writing letters when a civilian came in and asked us if we wanted to go to the Hollywood Bond Cavalcade - so we went - He had 3 box seats in the second row and it was swell.

Some of the stars were K K user - James Cagney - Utrubi (the pianist) Judy Garland - Mickey Rooney - Barbara might be interested in some of them. It was fun seeing some of the people you see on the screen, in person.

after the show we went and got a bunk at the Service Mens center. It is 3 barracks in the Civic Center. Bunks - towels & a shower for 50¢.

Sunday morning I awoke to a slow drizzling rain - the kind we



we all know from Washington. I got on an L car and rode the street car that Gene & Sally rode so much - to Parkside. The first person I met there was Mrs Shooks who said that she recognized me as an Albertson. It sure was swell to be in a friendly church again. In a place where you know you are welcome as a individual and not just a name. The sermon was by a M.D. student going to Stanford. and ole Bill Woods sang a solo. I thought that he recognized me ~~to~~ while he was singing but he didnot. He did tho after the service. The Shooks took me home to my first home cooked meal for nearly 5 weeks - it was swell. Fried Chicken - and summer Squash. after dinner they took me down to the new church - It is going to be



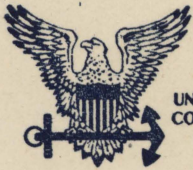
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really nice. The folk there certainly are proud of Gene & Sally. They accredited them for starting the church again. I certainly was proud of my family and the ties that we have made. It was then 5:00 so I headed back for the base and just made the truck for the 10th Avenue Baptist Church in Oakland where we broadcasted on choir. The Chaplin here gave the sermon (for) and we sang "Prayer Perfect" "Bless the Lord. Oh my soul" and "Send out thy light." I really had fun singing.

Monday I went Bill Woods & he and I played golf - (haha)
It was good to ~~talking~~ talk to some one who has ^{some} things in common with me.

that was the extent of it.
there were some things that I did not



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get done but I think that what I did do was worth while.

I had my ~~int~~ interview today and it was o.k. ~~about~~ about 2 weeks ago I took some tests and the interview today was a result of the tests and what I may qualify. The tests were on Social Study - Math - and Mechanical Aptitude.

I got 89 out of 95 in Social Study, 79 out of 105 in math and 153 out of 175 in mech apt. (My mechanical aptitude grade was the highest in the company. The interviewer said that as a result of the grades I have a very good chance of going to radio school - I hope so -

It is now time to quit for a while. I think of all of you and know that we are very close together.

Love Jim