

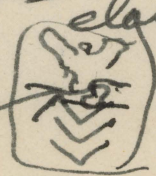
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Sunday Sept 5
3:00 P.M.

Dearest Folks,

I just got off kitchen duty and I go back on at 4:00 so this is the only time that I will have to write to you. Our company (120 men) went on at 10:00 today (after church) and we are on till 10:00 next Sunday. It isn't as bad because the whole company goes on at the same time.

Now I will tell you about the happenings of the past week.

Last Thursday I was made Platoon leader. I am in charge of 60 men (1/2 of the company). I dress them up in the morning and ~~to~~ march them every where they go. (By the way we march every where) church, canteen, chow, etc. I get the temporary rank (white clam, in boot ~~bag~~ ^{camp} of 1st class petty officers (top Sargent)  square ^{collar} _{belt})



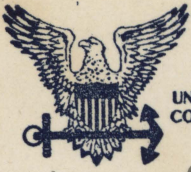
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On Friday we got our first shots. One for tetanus and the other for small pox. My arm didn't even get sore. Some of the fellows stayed in bed for a day because the shot was so bad.

Friday night I went to Choir Practice and joined the choir. The choir is really good and we have a good director. I found out that last Sunday they had a substitute organist and choir director so that explains for ~~the~~ ~~that~~ my impression of last Sunday's service.

Church was O.K. today. We sang the 1-2-4 verses of "The Old Rugged Cross" and it went off O.K. there were about 350 out. They only have one protestant service. (F:30) Out of 4,000 men on the base 350 protestants is it to bad.

I sure wish that I was back there now, with Andy and Dick there it is really swell. I am glad that I am not like some fellow here who



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that they are glad they are away from home. Our ~~family~~ family just isn't that way.

I got all your mail on Thursday and it certainly was appreciated. Boy, mail sure does a lot of good. After mail call Thursday I came in and read it all and showed some of the fellows those pictures. We were called out for chow and I guess that I was so happy that I ran out and didn't have my hat on. But our C.O. understood as it was all right.

Two weeks from today I get my first liberty. The last week has really gone fast for me. I hope that the next two go as fast.

Mom, tell Erma that I got her Birthday card and I shall write her as soon as possible.

Thanks again for all the letters I shall try to answer them separately as soon as possible —

Love
Jim.

Dear Bob:

Here is a bid to keep you
along. matter. I need
get back after four
good days -

Very truly
yours
Bob



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