



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Dearest Folks,

today is monday. today's mail brought letters from Dad - Mom - Audrey and Bob. A. It certainly was wonderful to hear from you. Especially swell to hear from Bob. He wrote from North Africa and said things are o.k.

Before I go further I must wish Dad a happy birthday. I meant to in last week's letter but it went out with out it. I mailed a package to you Dad last week so it should arrive there by the time this gets to you. I hope the articles in it prove useful. I had a lot of fun getting them.

Yesterday I again attended church out at Berkeley (Dakten enclosed). The service was well attended and Dr. Strickover gave a fairly good sermon. The ushers did a good job of scattering the congregation over the church so it looked like a nice crowd. After church (guess what 1 person said hello to me there) I went to a restaurant near by and ~~go~~ had lunch. I felt somewhat tired

so I caught the street car back for town.  
I came up to the B. house here and lay down,  
the next thing I knew ~~was~~ was that it  
was 10:30 so I took my cloths off and went  
back to sleep, and didn't get up until 6:30  
this morning. the amount of sleep did me  
good I guess for I certainly feel or felt fine  
today.

Last thursday, friday and Saturday found  
me about 100-150 miles out in the pacific. the  
radar on the ship we have been working on  
needed calibrating so Mc Intoch and myself went  
out for a trial run with the ship. it was  
certainly a interesting experience for me. while  
out the ship had some target practice with  
their 3" guns and also with their anti  
aircraft guns. they fired at a target sloop  
(towed by a plane) and it was quite interesting  
to watch. I was some what worried about  
getting sick but I was not affected at all.  
about 50% of the crew was tho. the rail  
was realy crowded with men. we got  
the necessary work done <sup>or by</sup> on <sup>^</sup> thursday  
evening so friday & saturday was spent in  
more or less loafing around. I tried 3 times to  
write you but each time I gave up in dispare.



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The ship (125 feet) was a small cutter named Pulaski, after a Russian general (or some thing). She has a small crew and they are all very ~~easy~~ easy to get along with. (ending a sentence using a prep.). I also had an opportunity to eat some real Coast Guard chow again, it was swell. This B. house stuff is all right I guess but not too good. I certainly wish I was back home getting some really good food again. Or well.

I spent today doing not much of any thing, at the shop; Putting up a shelf and then just putting around in general.

Say Ruth thanks for the part you added to mom's letter. That Bracelet sounds interesting - also the watermelon.

Mother's letter was also full of news of Barbara and Richard. It certainly was swell to hear about them. I bet Rich really was good in that play at school - will going

Rich. Say Barbara how about asking me to your 9<sup>th</sup> grade party? Swell I shall be there - Ha. I wish I could tho - just to see you all dressed

up in your journal.

As the time goes by I get to miss home more and more. Some times it seems that it would be swell if I could just drop things and take off for home. But I guess god has a plan in wanting people to wait for things that are really good.

Mother you asked for the phone & address here - I am sorry I did not give them to you before. address is 331 Wayne Ave, Oakland, Calif and phone is Twin Oaks 3587. I am usually here in the evening by 5:30 or so. Speaking of phone I tried calling home last Sunday (23<sup>rd</sup>) but I could not get the call thru. I am going to try this next Sunday and I certainly hope that it goes thru O.K. the shocker no. is Mo. 7289.

I must close now for I still am a little tired from that trip - good bye for now - love to you all

all by love  
Jim