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Dearest Folks,

Remember a year ago today - Mother, Barbara, Rick and I were out in South Dakota and we were with Bob.

There are only 3 more weeks of school, my but the time has gone fast ~~and~~ tomorrow we start trouble shooting in shop. Next week we have our final and the last week there isn't to much to do except irritate and sit around looking busy. It is funny but there are a lot of men who get by in the service just by looking busy. They seem to spend all their time trying to think of a way to keep from working. Last week was similar to the preceding four, except that we get more involved each day in drama. I will be glad when the time comes when ~~we~~ I can momentarily forget about radio, Radar, loan and sound - for a while anyway.

Saturday I spent in washing some clothes, answering a letter from whaleys and then going for a swim. Saturday evening I went to the show here at the base. It was "jamie" which was a good

comedy, but that was about all.

Sunday morning I went to the chapel here at the base. It was good, but there weren't many there. All the fellas get liberty so not many stay in on the weekend. Afternoon chow - roast beef - potatoes, carrots, fresh rolls, waldorf salad, milk, banana cream pie and ice cream. (it was good too.) I came back to the barracks and turned the radio on. In 5 min. I was asleep and was dead to the world until 6:30

(1830, Ha) when I got up and after talking to the cooks I finally had ^{one} some chow even tho it was late.

By then the fellas, ^{started to} come come in off of liberty and tell about what they thought was a big weekend. altho I didnt say I thought and still think that. I had the best weekend of them all and I stayed in all the time.

I received Dads letter today with the two bullitins in it. They are really swell dog. In fact one of the fellas here I showed them to said, "boy why dont they have chuska like that all over -". My how I would like to see Patricia Ruth, and hold her. you do it for me will you Rich. Say Barb how about writing and telling me about Pine crest - I bet you really liked it didnt you?

I must cut this short for I stand another watch tonight - good night for now

lots of love
Jim