



Christmas 1944

Dearest Folks,
Merry Christmas to all of you - mother,
Dad, Richard, Barbara, Ruth and Patricia. Have
you had a good day today? That's swell. My
Christmas here has also been good. Would you
like to hear about it.

To start off with, yesterday morning I
went to chapel up on the hill near here. It was
a clear warm day - a fresh breeze was blowing off
the water and to the east large billowy clouds
seemed to be idly drifting thru the sky. The
eight of us from here who went were late - and
as we walked up to the mess hall where services
were being held I could hear them singing
Hooray - hooray. It was a very good service - we sang
about six of the carols and then the chaplain
gave a good sermon. He reminded us of Christmas
at home and also of the many Christmas's which
are yet to come. Then he asked us if now we
are preparing ourselves to return home. If those
things which we are doing while here will help
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or hinder our Christian living when we return. I like the chaplain very much - he is the same one we went to when we first arrived here - but the unit where we went to then has left so we couldn't find him or where he was - he told me that he has fine services each Sunday - quite a few I think. After church I came back and went on watch. Then I ate dinner, and straightened my locker around some what. (there is still a lot to do tho.) After supper I went to bed early for had the midnight to four watch this morning. My watch was as per usual - when four came around I went to bed and slept until eleven this morning. I took a shower, leaned up and then opened the package mother Sally and Aubrey sent from Seattle - also one from Janice. Already I have eaten part of the things you sent mom. They certainly taste good. The package from Janice was also some candy and cookies.

After opening the packages it was time for dinner - which was very good. They took pine from palm trees and decorated the gally with them - I won't say anything about the food for
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I think the menu is self explanatory.

Now in your letter you mentioned some of the people from home who are here. If I can get time I shall try and look up a few of them. Soon we should have some more free time to do things like that.

Just as I completed that last sentence some thing happened which immediately stopped all letter writing - Ha. Censor ship rules. But you will probably read about the air raids here. They are some thing that do something to a person. Especially the nightones.

I must close for there are some things that must be seen to before I go to sleep. Good night to all of you. May god be with you on this Christmas night just as he has been here.

Lots of love

Jim

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CHRISTMAS DINNER
U.S. COAST GUARD UNIT 337
25, DECEMBER 1944

TOMATO JUICE COCKTAIL

ROAST YOUNG TURKEY

VIRGINIA BAKED HAM

SAGE DRESSING

GIBLET GRAVY

SSL AND SWEET POTATOES

WHIPPED POTATOES

BUTTERED CARROTS & PEAS

CORN AUGRATIN

SWEET GHERKINS

CRANBERRY SAUCE

PREFECTION SALAD

HOT ROLLS & BUTTER

HOT MINCE PIE

SPICE CAKE

APPLE PIE & AMERICAN CHEESE

VANILLA ICE CREAM

CANDY

MIXED NUTS

CIGARS

CIGARETTES