



10 DECEMBER
SUNDAY EVENING

Dearest Folks,

We have just had mail call - and I was very fortunate - letters from Dad, Mom, Gene, Audrey, and Janice. My but it was great to hear from all of you again. It certainly means a great deal to hear how every thing is going and to know a little of what you have been doing.

This past week has brought to a end the main construction of our base here. The construction unit has pulled out so we are now on our own. And it seems good. Requiring now our life here settles down to more or less a routine - standing watches and doing a little work to maintain the station. Dad's guess, where I am was right - that is I am not at the Phillipines so the other is the one. But by now you should have received my letters when I was allowed to state where I was, we cannot do that now tho. Also now I think I should be able to get some things which I have wanted to do - some. More reading, and also to start a Armed forces institute course. Also I need to

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Catch up with my much abused correspondance. I have had time for very little since I arrived here. I think tho that now I should be able to build it up quite well.

Say but those pictures you sent dody Rainier were marvelous - I certainly appreciate them and also I think it would be swell if you could send some of your pictures - I know they would certainly be appreciated here. I think it is a great idea.

Also I am really ashamed of my self - I had completely forgotten that I owed the money to Sally - ^{would} you send her a check for twenty dollars - I don't think it is more that ten but I wanted to get them some thing for Marilyn and now is the chance. Thanks for reminding me of it.

In Dads letter you mentioned getting greens for Christmas and also planning to decorate the church - my but the memories it brings back. On a lot of the trips I was to young to go legally but usually I was in the middle of the front seat when the week end after thanksgiving come around. I certainly wish I were there to help decorate - I bet it looks good now.

Also I received a package - thru one that was sent from Seattle. I am going to come it

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until the 25th if possible. But that
shouldnt be too hard to do for the way time has
been going by since I arrived here, Christmas
shouldnt be too far off. Ha - the local newspaper
has been publishing "so many shopping days
left until Christmas."

Oh me - I just reread the first two pages of
this - guess my thoughts are all jumbled around -
that is what they appear to be anyway.

As I have been writing this I have been
drinking a cold coke - my second one since leaving
the states - they have been having beer, for
those who drink it, right along but now they
are beginning to get some coke also.

I must close for now. you are always
in my thoughts and prayers - do not worry too
much about me for all is well here - for God is at
watch.

lots of love
Jim

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