



MERRY CHRISTMAS MOTHER

17 DECEMBER 1944
SUNDAY EVENING

Dearest Folks,

It is Sunday - a hot Sunday for this time of year. As I came on watch this evening I stopped to read the temperature - the thermometer on the wall of this quonset hut read 98° F. And as I came on into the hut I wondered what it was like in Colorado Springs. Certainly the temperature was different. I wondered if today was one of those cold crisp Colorado Days - when Pikes Peak shines out so brilliantly (SP) in her new coat of snow. I pictured the family coming home from church at noon, and instead of taking a shower as I did to cool off, Richard built a fire in the fire place. At times things like snow, fire places, and cold weather, seem quite remote. It is hard to picture that type of weather, here where each day is the same, except it seems to rain a little longer or get a little warmer. Often I have wondered how a missionary would go about telling the natives in a climate like this about



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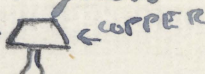
snow. It would be interesting to see something like that done.

This past week has been good in a lot of ways. Now we are quite settled down to the same routine which shall be followed here - as long as we remain, aside from standing my watches here in the hut I have spent my time building lockers - which we will use for our personal things. Also we have been painting, and oiling the decks of the huts. (I didn't mean painting and oiling the decks - rather painting period - and oiling the decks - does it make sense to you - I hope so). Along about the middle of this next week we shall move from our cots to double deck bunks. They should be more comfortable and will also provide for more room. Our recreation hut is now complete - ping pong table (yes way out here) radio & record player - also checkers and games like that. Plus a dozen soft balls, bats and gloves, foot balls, horse shoes, volley ball, water polo ball, punching bag, boxing gloves - so you see our recreation gear is really complete. It helps a lot to have it too for it prevents idle hours for a lot of the fellows. that could be a big problem.

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HI BARBARA - MERRY CHRISTMAS

also the past week I made a desk Lamp.
the base is a 40 MM shell casing and the shade is
some copper sheeting we had left over from the
construction. It doesn't look bad, and it serves
the purpose (on desk in writing room) as I guess
it is O.K. It looks some thing like this →  ← COPPER
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many times during the week I have wondered what you folk are doing - what all
our family is doing, where ever we are. Each night
I have tried to read the Daily Bible selection as
the pamphlet dad sent indicates. As I do seem
to get a feeling of closeness to all of you. I wonder if
you also get the same feeling.

as yet our mail isnt straightened around - it
seems to come in bursts - I wouldnt mind that
but the bursts are to far apart. soon tho it should
be remedied.

my but it seems strange - Christmas only
a week away - these next few weeks you will all be
closer to me than usual - altho our family is separated
by many miles yet there is a unity which only comes
by seperation - its hard to express but I know it is
there.

I imagine this will be the last letter you will
receive from me before Christmas. as I write I think
of other Christmas's - when we have all been together

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MERRY CHRISTMAS RICHARD OLE SON.

there is so much we have to be thankful for - so very much. Not only for the past and its memories but also for the future.

I hope that this year Christmas will be one of the most meaningful ones we have had. I remember last Christmas when I was at the sutton. a great many things have changed since then, but I think the real meaning of Christmas shall grow as it goes. the world certainly needs new faith and happiness.

Here I have rambled on for some time just putting the thoughts down as they come to me. I have tried to express my thanks for what you have made this season mean to our family. My how I wish I could be with you, but that isn't possible. God said before this we shall be united in spirit - under God. For he watches over and guides all of us, I am sure of that.

who was it - Tiny Tim who said

"God bless us, everyone."

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