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Dearest Mother,

This afternoon at mail call I received your letter of the 14th. It is a good letter - thank you so much. The mail is still slow in coming here - only the day before yesterday did your package of stationery arrive, thanks so much mother. The stamps I got some time before so now I should be quite well set for stationery.

I am worried about your not receiving my mail - or my money order. Janice said it has been getting thru to her - but why it shouldn't come to Colorado Springs I don't know. The planes leave here each day carrying mail towards the states, so they should be getting there. I certainly hope it will be coming thru better by the time this reaches you.

As soon as I can find where I will be able to get my film developed I shall take and send you some pictures of myself and the huts we live in. The huts are really quite comfortable - plenty of fresh air blowing thru them, and protective screening

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to discourage the larger grass hoppers and mosquitoes from coming in. They spray the island periodically to discourage flies from breeding en masse.

Don't worry too much about me mother - things here aren't too bad and our living conditions are quite good. The food is simple but plenty of it is served and altho our hours here are too long now, they should shorten up soon.

I have been doing some reading lately - I read "How green was my valley" and now I am reading "The Robe." We have a small library of these twenty five cent books, and the assortment is quite good. I shall be glad when more time is available for our self. Right now it seems that they want to get every thing done at once - but who am I to question their decisions.

as I write this the air is filled with the noise of B-29's returning from Tokyo. My how I wish that instead of air planes roar that the air would be full of snow. I guess I am a little home sick now - especially now around Christmas time. It is hard to get the Christmas spirit in a place like this. Your letters certainly help - I really appreciate them.

I must stop mother - I love you very much

your son
Jim

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