



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

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Dearest Folks,

Sunday afternoon and another week has past passed. I should say the first week has passed.

This morning I went out on the 1000 Liberty party and arrived in New London by 1045, and at the Methodist church in time for the service. The church was quite small as was the congregation. Altho the minister said it was the largest he had seen for some time. The minister gave quite a good sermon and I appreciated it a lot. The minister made an announcement to the effect that there were 53 in Sunday school this morning, the largest crowd in the South New England Conference. It seemed sorta far removed from C.S. and our services there. Here there are so many service men located here and in the vicinity of New London that some one with a really good program could see a good service

is the men stationed in this vicinity.

After church myself and two of the army air corps fellas in our class (there are 38 army air corps) went to a restaurant and had chow. Then back here to the Base where I am now.

Well our first week of school is over and I am glad. I wish it were the 8th week that was behind me. This course is plenty ~~so~~ tough as was shown on the test we had Friday. We will find out Tuesday how we did.

Some of these Air Corps fellas here went thru Sioux Falls but none of them knew Bob. There are some good fellas in it here, and they really like the Coast Guard (especially the Chow).

Thanks alot for your letters Mom & Dad. They were much appreciated. The first mail I have had for almost 3 weeks. I have had somewhat the feeling that Bob must have had. I have written him as well as Gene and Bob W. When I finish this I shall write to Audrey & Sally.

O kays will you send my photo album and also my swimming trunks (the Blue ones)

Just before I started this two new fellas from Y.B. came in. They are going to a 7 month course here. They gave all the latest dope on the shop and some of the fellas there.

It has rained all day, just a typical Col.



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Sunday. The air smells fresh, and by the looks of the sky it will soon break up. By the looks of things it will be cool tomorrow.

Tuesday we are suppose to take a big physical. I have a tooth that needs filling aside from that I think I am O.K. While I am there I am going to have them look at my shoulder - it has been giving me trouble lately, so I might as well have them look at it there.

I ~~have~~ saw a really swell show this past week here at the Base. I am sure that all of you would enjoy it when it comes to C.S. It is "Home in Indiana." None of this blood and thunder kind but one where you forget all about the war and enjoy the type of movie that they use to make.

Afterchow in the evening I usually take a walk around the point here along the sea wall. No matter how long I look at it the Atlantic still doesn't come up to what the Pacific holds. There doesn't seem to be the life in it. It is hard to explain but I am

sure that dad knows what I mean.

Mother mentioned something about my
might getting on a submarine. No that is far from
it. ~~It~~ whenever I do get sent from here it
will be land based for our work as with big
transmitters and sending gear. Some of the
fellas here (going thru a 2 weeks operators
course) are studying the receivers of this year
will get stationed aboard ship but none of that
for me. As time goes on I will be able to
tell you more about the kind of duty we get out
of here. When the time comes I shall let
you know.

I will sign off now for the day. I think
of all of you often, and feel that you close time
at many times. Goodnight for now and I
shall think of you in my prayers. Tonight
as I do every night.

Lot of love
Jim

P.S. Also send my stationery (2 boxes of air mail)
that I sent in the box. Thanks.