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Dearest Folks,

It is Sunday night - and now is the first time that I have had to sit down and write for about 4 days. On last Thursday our orders came thru - but they were not dated or OKed so we they went - I asked for the day (Thursday) off and luckily I received it, so I went to the shoos and washed all my dirty clothes - and it is lucky that I did for it was the last opportunity to do it that I should have had. After I finished washing (about 1400) I lay my hammock out and went to sleep in the yard. The next day, Friday, I reported to the shop, and as our orders had not returned we had to work. Boy did we work (By we I mean myself and this fella from Cuella - the one who forwarded my mail to me while I was ashore on leave) they dug every dirty job they had out and gave them to us. It is funny the way they do things like that, oh well. We finished up at the shop about 1730 and I went out to the shoos - packed all the gear that I could then hit the sack again, early. Saturday our orders came thru about 0900 so we left at 0915. First we went to Calcland and picked up the middle (the other fella's) gear - then we came over here to S.F. and finished packing mine. Also I packed & shipped (Paul Post) a box I have home. Most of the things in it are

self explanatory. If in doubt about any thing
write & I will explain them. Sounded it I want
you to ship to me when I get back on the east
coast - (Stationary). a Chinese boy (that is about 27
years old) gave the box to me - it is the spare
parts box for sound gear and he works in the
sound lab at Kamehahameh so he got it for me.
It is really a pretty good box don't you think.
when I finished packing we brought my gear to
here where I am now. at the Coast Guard
Barracks in S.F. we will remain here until
next Sunday (the 2nd) when we are scheduled
to leave. Arriving in Boston on the 7th. so then
it is finally. leaving here July 2nd and arriving
there on the 7th of July. we tried to get Travel
time but we couldn't get it. I sure wish that
we could of but I guess they figured differently.
Saturday night I stood a watch from 2400 till
0600 Sunday. then another from 1200 till 1800
and after that I was so tired that all I could
do was sleep - that I did until 0630 this
morning - now it is 0800. In about 5 minutes
I have to muster and then I don't know what
or where I go or do for the day - the bell is
ringing now so I better sign off. I think
of all of you often and wish that I were there
instead of here

Love
Jim

P.S. send B mail to Stokes until Wednesday -
or so they will get here before Friday -
Jim