

12 ~~Nov~~ November 1944
Sunday evening

Dearest Folks,

It is Sunday evening - and a weeks hard work is over. So much has happened since I wrote last Sunday that I can hardly believe it my self. My but it is good to be on land, really working again. It was a week ago yesterday that we "hit the beach" here for good. Now all our temporary gear is set up such as tents and kitchen - toilet and things like that. Also much has been accomplished in the construction of our new and permanent quarters. It will be good to be able to move into them and get more settled.

Oh how glad I am to be off that ship. There were so many small things about it that went right and that made it ~~more~~ less bearable. But all that is behind me now - for which I am thankful - and we are now working on our own gear and property. As I said the work is hard but there is a purpose and some thing which we can see when accomplished. For that I am glad and the work doesn't seem to bother me. Of course this has been the first time since I have been in the C.G. that I have worked from 0430 to 1830. But as I said the sleep is good - open air in the tents - and the chow is really good for canned goods, so I cannot complain.

This land here is really interesting. Altho there is no liberty and every thing is more or less restricted because of things and etc. laying around that one cannot get out and look around. Still tho ~~tho~~ there are many
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evidence of combat and things along that line which are quite fresh. Most of the things I would like to say I cannot but I will when I am home. I think you get the general idea of what I mean.

It certainly gets dark here fast - it is dark by 1730 and stays that way until 0500. Last night spent the early part of the evening in digging and lining my air raid shelter. Everyone here has them and it is a good precaution to have. There really isn't a great danger but nevertheless it is good to have. You would be interested ~~in~~ in some of the different types and sizes of ones some men have.

I went over to the chapel (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away from here) at the army base this morning. It certainly seemed good to go and it did me a lot of good. It was the first service I have been able to attend ~~in~~ since I left the states - over a month ago. The chaplain was really good it seemed and all together the service was good. There were five of us who went over to protestant ~~service~~ and we all really liked it.

My thoughts have been with you so much today - wondering where each of you are - and doing - not only those of you who are there at home but our family where ever we are. It certainly will be swell to received mail again - I am really looking forward to it.

The lights are going out soon and I must get in bed and get some rest for another day's work. I will try and write again this week some time until then you are always in my thoughts.

Lots of love

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