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Sunday evening

Dearest Folks,

I have just come in from the beach - where I was watching the sunset. It was really beautiful tonight. The main reason was that we have been having rain all afternoon and about 4:45 the sky began to clear and by 5:15 only large thunderheads remained in the west, and far east - on these the sun seemed to put all its glory. That is one thing that makes this place the better, and that is the sun rises and sunsets are usually quite beautiful.

I had a watch last night (as every night) so I was able to sleep in until 8:30. I dressed, washed up, and walked the short distance it is to the place where they are holding chapel. There were six of the fellows from our group who attended the protestant service this morning. It was really a helpful service and it did me a lot of good. We spent the entire service singing songs which have to do with thanksgiving and thanksgiving. It certainly made me feel good to do a lot of singing again. There were about 80 men there so the singing seemed to have a lot of body to it.

After church I came back and had dinner. The cooks here really do a swell job of fixing the food we have. This noon we had roast beef, and it was good. Also we had lemon pie which was also good. (to many also's in that sentence. Ha)

We have been putting in from 10 to 11 hours every day so we had the afternoon off this P.M. I washed my two dirty sets of dungarees and also some dirty socks.

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we have rigged up a system on our tent so that we can save the rain water - I used that to wash my clothes with and it is really good.

Oh yes before I forget I notice the slight change in my address it is now unit 337 instead of 336. I hope that it will be the last change for a while. My but it will be swell to hear from you again. Our mail should be catching up with us quite soon - there should really be a lot of it when it does come.

I certainly am anxious to hear just where you are now - It leaves me some what unsettled if I don't know for sure just where you are now. you know what my wishes are - I guess I shall find out for sure one of these days. I also want to know where Bob and Gene still are - or are - also Dick and Bob Hides. Some times a lot can happen in five weeks.

I am all mixed up as to what I am going to do about Christmas shopping. I feel the best thing to do will be to send Mother the money and have her buy some of the gifts. It is often hard to think of Christmas in a place like this, under conditions so far removed from those Christmas usually means. I am so thankful for all the memories our family has. they certainly help at times.

I must close for now and go on duty - until I write again you are in my mind and heart -

lots of love

Jim

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