

November 1944  
The Marianas.

Dearest Folks,

Three weeks have gone by since we have come here. In a lot of ways the time has gone fast, for they have been busy and interesting weeks. As I write this I am sitting on my bed in our new quonset huts. We moved into them yesterday and they are quite nice living quarters - about 100% plus better than the tents we have just moved out of. It was really good to sleep here last night. I think it was even cool to. I will be glad when we are able to really settle down in these quarters, but that will come in time.

Oh yes before I forget it - there has been another change in my address - but this is the last one, I hope. The new address is J Halbertson R 3/6 (603-340) USCA unit 337 90 F.P.O. San Francisco. The only change is in the dropping of unit 80 from the address. There certainly have been a number of changes in my address since I left - some times I wonder just how important or necessary all of these changes are.

Today has been a good Sunday for me. I went over to the army chapel again this morning, and I certainly enjoyed the service. The chaplain who gives the service there knows just what the need is and he has been able to really put it over. I am thankful for that for  
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out here where every day is so much the same, it means a great deal to look forward to sundays and a good service. One of our fellows said to me this morning as we left chapel that there are three things he looks forward to besides going back to the states. They are: mail, sleep and going to chapel each Sunday.

I was relieved to hear from both Bob and Gene and to learn their whereabouts and what they are doing. I will try to answer their letters this week - if I can find the time.

After lunch this noon (by the way we had apple pie clamode - yes) some of us fellows built a raft out of packing boxes and 50 gallon gasoline drums - and we spent the afternoon just being lazy in the water and having some fun besides. My but there certainly will be some great times had when our family can get together and talk over experiences - I certainly am looking forward to that day. It means a lot to have certain things to plan for in the future - it certainly helps to make the time here more bearable with those plans.

I must stop now for I must go on watch soon and before I do I have to eat supper. You are all so much in my mind and heart -

Lots of love

Jim

James H. Albertson