

30 October 1944

at sea

Dearest Folks,

again it is another Sunday at sea - it has been a day - which if it would be as the men who run this ship wanted it to - would be like any other day of the week - but it has been different for me.

there were some things that I had to do today - one was stand my watch (oragun) this A.M. from 0400 to 0800. when I finished that I ate breakfast and went to bed for a while - three hours to be exact and when I awoke it was time for dinner. I went and stood in line for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour and finally ate. Of every thing about home and being there I think I miss Sunday the most. Getting up in the morning, ~~and~~ putting on clean clothes, and after eating breakfast, going to Sunday school and church. then coming home and having Sunday dinner. I hope Barbara & and Richard realize how fortunate they are to have mothers cooking - just to have ~~mother~~ her as a mother. I miss that so very much. But as I said I miss Sunday more than any one thing at home. As I said I stood in line for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour and when I did eat it was cold (?) meat cuts, mostly Salomii (or) potato salad, and warm water to drink. I guess it didn't help my moral at all, for I went out of the chow hall feeling pretty low. I went to my bunk and got my moffat and also one of the books dad gave me "The Seas of God" and came up here on the fantail (where I am writing this) to be by myself. First I read from the book, which has some really good stories in it, and after reading two or three of them I read out of the moffat. Doing that plus being able to write to you now boosted my moral about 150%. It is quite easy to become down hearted on board this  
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I certainly will be glad to hear how things are going at home - if you are still in Colo. Spr. or on the way to Seattle. You know, after a while all the ocean becomes quite boring and one can find a lot of time to thinking for him self. This is the first time since I have been in when I can do that. Even the the Sun watches some time seem long I always have plenty of things to think about and to plan for - for that I am thankful.

Having those books I brought with me certainly helps a lot. after I get settled I wonder if you would send me some more. I shall let you know when to  
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send them after I know a little more about the set up myself. As the time goes on I become more and more anxious to get settled to one definite plan or routine. I am glad that I was not made to be a roamer - rather liking to settle down more or less at one place and stay there.

Oh say Dad I will send you a list of those I would like you to send those cards to as soon as I can. Also I would like a few addresses of some people but I will also send for them at the same time.

I find my self wondering where Gene, Bob, Dick and Bob H. are today. I am sorry I missed Gene, if he was there. My time was so short that all I had time to do was see the Red Cross man and that was all. I wonder if Stillwells withdrawal from China will affect Bob's position at all. ~~would~~ would it be great when we are all together again, for good.

I must stop now for the time when the lights go out is drawing close and I have as yet to brush my teeth (from my canteen) before I go on deck to sleep. I am glad I have my hammock, it certainly comes in handy. You are all always in my thoughts and prayers - goodnight

Lot's of love  
Jim

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P.S. I saw in the ships news paper where C.C. received a trimming from C.U. Did Rich or any of the family see the game?

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