



October 5, 1944
Thursday afternoon

Dearest Mom,

Most of my work is done and the sea is quite calm so I shall now write to you. I am afraid that the letter I wrote Monday won't reach you before you head for the springs, but I hope this one does.

I can't tell you how much I wished you were home when I was there. Being home meant a great deal to me, but it would have meant even more if you could have been there. You were needed where you were and one cannot be in two places at once. I had swell accommodations

on the train from Denver to Oakland. I managed to get a lot of rest and that felt good. I was about the only service man on the train traveling under orders so they gave me any thing on the menu for chow. As it was I came out with 2 meal tickets which I didn't use, but I turned them in at Government Island when I arrived there.

It was good to see the shockers again and to be in their home. I picked up my mail there a couple of times, and then I went to a youth Banquet at the club there last Friday night. The Banquet was alright tho it was different from any I have ever been to. The majority of the people there were grade school and Jr. high kids.

I have never seen water so blue. It is a deep dark shade of blue. whenever I look - blue water even darker than this ink. Just about the shade of the blue at the top of this paper.

Speaking of paper will you send me a lot of onion skin paper and air mail envelopes. Also some air mail

stamps (64 ones). They don't have any in the ships can't even
and I doubt if I will be able to obtain any for quite some
time.

This morning I saw the China Clipper fly over. It looked
good to see a form of civilization other than the ship we are on.
It's some funny that in a matter of hours those aboard the
clipper will be in S.F.

I certainly will be glad to hear from you, and to find out if
you have received the word yet. As far as I know you may be
packing at the time this reaches you. What ever happens I
shall be close to you all, for we are bound together by his love.

It's funny but it seems there are a lot of fellows aboard
who are not so salty! as they thought they were (including
myself). At least a lot of us were lining the rail the first day
out. I feel good now tho, I hope I stay that way. Ha. It was
funny but there weren't so many fellows atchow the first day either.
The chow aboard is quite good. We have fresh fruit's and vegetables
for almost every meal also butter and frozen meat which tastes quite
good.

I shall stop now for they say we may have a opportunity
to mail this. I am thinking a lot about you today mom, and also
the rest of the family. May he watch over you as he does us all.

Lots of Love
Jim

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