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Dearest Folks,

Right now I have a chance to grab a few minutes to talk with you. The rate we have been going lately I must take this time while I have it, for I don't know when I will have some free time again.

Last Thursday we were moved from the barracks where we first landed (where the car I sent you was off) 20 miles south to this place. To me this is much better. The quarters are not as crowded as before and conditions all around are much better. This place ~~was~~ has the Finnish light house & tower on it, but they have been inoperative for the last ⁵ 3 years. Our chow is really good - that is above the average. They give us a lot of fresh things along with good meat cuts and milk twice a day.

As yet I haven't had any word from you - except a letter from Dad which was forwarded from Boston. I am anxious to learn how things have come out there - also to see if all of you are well.

They certainly have been giving us the works here. I have had to stand watches at night from 5 to midnight or mid to 0400 for the last 6 days. Sunday I stood a watch from midnight to 0800 and then from 1000 to 1400. I wanted to write to you but finally slept

To keep from wearing my self dead, I cant get use to getting up and working all hours of the night. Now I am so tired that I doubt if you can make this ~~strong~~ mess out.

They certainly are careful about keeping this stuff secret here. There are from 10 to 25 men who are around all the time in the nearest town and surrounding area, they are Navy intelligence and Coast Guard intelligence men. We are given about a 15 minute speech a day on security and etc.

I dont know how much longer I will be here - one of the fellows is to leave the last of the week. They are to bring some more new fellows in tonight sometime.

It is raining now - a soft steady rain. It almost takes me back to the north west. The rain on this low roof sounds very peaceful and it adds to the weight on my eyelids.

This station is just about 23 1/2 feet from the Maryland - Delaware border. Yesterday I went to Ocean City ~~Del~~ Maryland and got a haircut. It took me 2 1/2 hours before I got it and afterwards I just made the truck coming back up to the base. We are the only service men near here so people start wondering why there are so many radio men stationed here. They posted a notice in all towns near here, that we are stationed here at a rest camp - Ita. - but it does keep people from asking questions.

Must stop now - It seems that my ~~eyes~~ eyes just wont stop open longer.

Good luck
Jim