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Dearest Folks,

Sunday afternoon at Government Island. as I write this I remember one year ago when I also wrote to you sundays from here. It is a beautiful day, clear sky, warm sun and the air smelling like fall.

my train out was swell I had first class all the way, and because of that I rested very well. the train was just on time coming into oakland, 09:00. I took the ferry over to Frisco where after checking my gear I went to Boat Island and saw some of the fellows who were there when I was. It was good to see them again. I stayed there for about one hour, then I took the train back to Frisco. Next I called up the Shrocks but no one answered the phone so I called up parkside church and Ernie and Mrs. Shrocks were there so I went out and had dinner with them. It was good to see them and talk with them.

I headed back down town, picked up my hand bag and took the "A" train for ~~St~~ Government Island. I arrived here about 3:30 and reported into the personal office. they took my records and etc; and after the usual delay found in a personal office I come over here to Barracks 9 (just 20 bunkers from where I slept 1 year ago) and logged in here. Only one other fellow



arrived in the same day as the others were probably coming in the next morning. I took a shower - ate chow and then hit the sack. The next I knew it was 0630 in the morning and they were waking me up. Thursday morning I went to personal office again and just sat there for 2 1/2 hours, after that time I signed my name twice and then I left. I guess that the service cannot be too good but it seems that they could be a little more efficient some time than they are. That afternoon I spent all afternoon in education - al (?) movies. How to abandon ship - security - and etc. I have seen them all about 3 times so I managed to catch up a little more on sleep.

Friday we signed insurance papers and also allotment's were taken care of. I increased my allotment to 35 dollars starting the 1st of November. That afternoon was spent in getting shots. They had lost my health record so they were going to give me all my shots over. I told them I went thru Boot camp so they found my old records. As it was they gave me 4 shots and we are to get another Monday before we leave. The shots didn't affect my arm but they did give me a cold, which is much better now.

We were given ~~some~~ liberty Friday night so I went out to shower and picked up my mail. Thanks



for your letter dad. It was swell. The church there had a young peoples banquet so I went. It wasn't like those I have been use to, but I enjoyed it anyway. On the way back to the base here I sent you the wire and then came here to the island and went to bed.

Saturday morning was spent in stenciling and being issued some new par. that took until 1245, when we hadchow. ~~then~~ they gave us Liberty Saturday afternoon until 2200 - and a group of us fellows went out and saw University of Cal beat UCLA 6-0. It was a swell game, and they had a beautiful day for it. I came right back after the game - took a shower - had chow, and then I put in my call to home. I waited 2 1/2 hours but finally gave it up as she said there still was a delay.

my, but it was good to hear your voice again this A.M. It brought back the memories of last Sunday - those were 4 wonderful days spent at home. I wish I could have stayed there.

I must stop now as they are ringing the bells. which means we must fall in outside (does it make sense to you?) - I will try and write tomorrow before we sail if not I will write from the ship enroute.

Lots of love
Jim