

The Marianas
10 April 1945

Dearest Folks,

I am rather ashamed of my self for not writing sooner than this but this past week has really been a busy one for me. I shall tell you a little about it.

On Wednesday morning I left here via plane and flew to some of the islands around here. It was mainly a business trip and I feel that I got alot accomplished. It also was interesting as it gave me a opportunity to get away from here for a while. As I said the trip really proved worth

while, especially as far as I was concerned. One of the islands I tried to get in touch with Chaplin sides but he won't in. I had hoped to at least talk with him over the phone, but it didn't work out that way. Since I ~~had~~ have come back I have been able to put into practice some of what I learned while down there, and it has helped out considerably.

J. F. Albertson R70

I had an opportunity to visit some of the fellows I knew while at Boston, and it was good to see them again.

The only trouble with the entire trip was that I lost some sleep, and when I returned I was quite tired, but now I have caught up with my rest and I feel fine.

It is strange while away I actually missed this town, something which I thought would be impossible to do. It was probably because I have become accustomed to this life and the fellows here and any thing which ~~is~~ deviates from that routine annoys a person.

~~all~~ All together I feel that the trip was well worth while, and I am glad I had the opportunity to make it. I shall be able to tell you more about it when I come home.

It was good to return for going with out mail for a week was quite hard, but there was a good pile of letters waiting when I returned yesterday. Letters from mother, Dad, Aubrey, and Janice ~~was~~ made up my mail.

J. A. Allerton Pt. 30

I am so thankful for what both your mother and Dad said about Janice. I appreciate it a lot.

In the other letters from you folks you enclosed the pictures - thanks for taking care of them for me. Receiving them ~~was~~ caused some what of a mild riot here, for the fellows really liked them. A lot of the boys want some prints so after I get every thing straightened out I shall send you the numbers and etc.

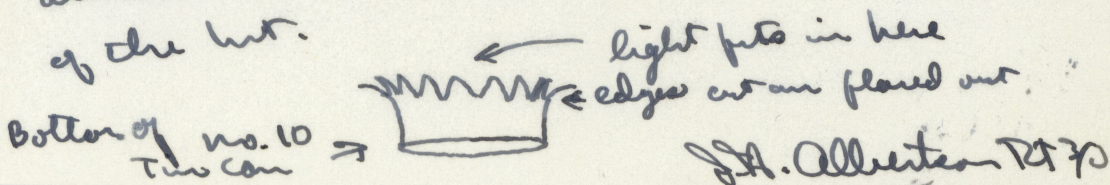
You might appreciate a little info about them no (1) was taken when we were living in the tents the fellow seated is our Pharmacist's mate and the boy giving the hair cut is the motor man here. The barber chair is the pilots seat from a Japanese "Betty"; no (2) is "Smith" from Los Angeles. The "ammo" is 50 caliber and was used in a auto aircraft gun pit method. No (3) is Smith again in the jeep - the back ground is one of our quonset huts. No 4 is ~~the~~ what's left of a Jap soldier that was laying here. No 5 is "Anderson and Smith" in the Japanese Cemetery near our base here. All the grass in the pictures are those of pilots or

plane crew members who have been shot down
 in the air raids we have had here. No (6)
 is Lemak (another RT) and myself. No (7) is
 Lemak again. He comes from Cleveland. No (8) is
 Lemak one more. No (9) is a fellow named
 Allen from Lower Falls. Since I took the
 picture he has left here and moved to a different
 base out here. I saw him last week which I
 was away. No 10 is along our beach here - as
 is no 11 of Smith.

From what you said you certainly must
 have had a wonderful Easter Sunday. I am
 glad it was so.

You are right about buses whereabouts.

I have begun to ready fix our ground
 up. we are painting the inside cream with
 a ~~grey~~ grey border up about 3 feet. this afternoon
 I painted all our lockers grey (instead of the green
 they were) and they look good. Now I am
 making some light fixtures so we can have
 indirect lighting. I took some (6 to be exact, for we
 have six lights in the hut) no 10 tin cans
 and cut them down and ~~so~~ soldered a bracket
 inside (to hold light) they ~~look~~ will look quite
 attractive and should improve the appearance
 of the hut.



J.A. Allerton RT 70

So far I have completed ~~to~~ 3 of them and
as soon as the woods empty some more
cans I shall finish the rest of them. I think I'll
will paint them a ~~to~~ rust colored brown. Don't
you think that would look good - cream walls
with grey trim and rust colored pictures -
Ha, I guess bright colors sorta run in the
family, altho I am sure they won't be up to
what the rooms there in the church look like.
I feel that as long as we must be out here, our
living quarters must be as nice as possible.
Also all this work keeps me busy and helps
to make the time go faster.

I am glad Janice was able to be there
with you for the evening meal. She wrote that
she enjoyed it very much. She especially mentioned
how much Barbara and Richard are growing,
and maturing. It made me some what envious,
for I would like to be there with all of you.
I must stop now, for I have rambled quite

enough for now. My thoughts are of all of you
so much. I wonder if ~~any~~ you have gotten
any post flowers yet? Remember the ones
the Emily boys gave you dad?

Lots of love

Jim

J.H. Allerton P.T. 30

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