

The Marianas  
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Dearest Folks,

First I want to thank you for the package that arrived last Wednesday. It was the one with the nuts, candy, popcorn and also the pictures in it. Thanks a lot for all of it, I appreciate it a lot. Already the candy and nuts are gone, and the pictures are mounted on my folder, so every thing has been put to use already. The pictures are swell Dad, they certainly bring memories to me, and are good to have to look at on some of these hot days.

This past week has been a good one - nothing unusual happening, but it is a good feeling isn't it? I cannot figure people out who always want some thing unusual happening. I remember several of Dad's sermons about people who just do their daily job doing it well, and they are the real heroes. Since being in the service I have seen a lot of fellows, not conspicuous, yet some thing about them showed that they are really different. I admire them and altho they do not ~~recieve~~ receive any recognition for ~~they~~ their deeds, yet know they have a deep personal satisfaction.

I am enclosing a money order for twenty five  
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dollars. I want you folks to take it and use it in some way on your selves. If it will help towards your vacation in June, use it. I want it to be Dad and Mother's birthday presents, combined.

I hope your fishing trip pans out alright. When you are cooking them put a extra coin row in the pan for me. Or will they be speckled trout?

Thanks mom for the pictures enclosed in your letter - I am enclosing some what of an order with this letter - it is self explanatory, and should take care of the rest of the prints. Those you have sent I have distributed among the fellows here who have wanted them, and I know they have appreciated them a lot.

Hey Rich and Barb - how about writing me a letter? I would really like that. I think of you kids a lot, and am rather sadned I can't write to you more often. From what I hear you have been playing some Basket Ball lately, huh Richard. We have a pretty good gym here now, and I have been able to get some good practice in. I hope to be able to play B.B. in college when I return, and all this practice helps a great deal.

We had a small game tonight - playing an anti air craft Battery nearby (some place we go to chapel). We have gotten to know some of the fellows there, and that helps the spirit of the game a lot. They have made them

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selves a good job (I want to spell court, quart - etc)  
court of concrete, and boys have put up a wind  
break. Our team is getting better, ~~after~~ working  
together much better, and because of that we won  
tonight. We only have about 7 fellows who are  
interested enough to play all the time, but then  
out of only 25 men seven is pretty good. Especially  
when the majority of them are standing watches.

Chapel this morning was certainly good,  
I got a great deal out of the service. It means a  
lot to look forward to the services each Sunday,  
knowing that it shall be worth while in going  
there.

Janice certainly enjoyed her visit home, I feel it  
did her a lot of good to be able to have the few days  
there. Since she has been back, she has written  
telling of how well you treated her, and how much  
she enjoyed the time she was with the family.  
She sent some pictures she took or rather her  
mother took while home, it is good to see them.

It is late, and I am getting tired, so I had  
better stop. Good night for now and may he ~~be~~ be  
with you always -

Lots of love

Jim

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