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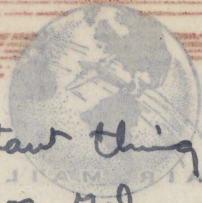
Dearest Folks

This past week has been an momentous one in world events - first the news of the atomic bomb and its destructive power, next the news of the Russians entering into the Japanese war and finally now these past few days we have heard the news of the peace offers, replies and etc.

I guess the Cater news has had the most effect on the fellows out here. Already there have been numerous premature celebrations not only here on the island, but also here at this unit. Some things I think it too bad that in the service you must know some fellows so well. It is too bad that the first impression isn't always the best for they are often much less disappointing. I can't figure out why when some one wants to celebrate they do it by getting drunk, swearing and all the rest, that has been going on the past few days. I wonder if these same fellows can go back home and live under the pretense that nothing happened out here.

I certainly received some good letters from home this week. Mother's letter especially was so good. Boy, when it shall be great to be back and be able to drink all that with you mentioned - But just being back shall

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be the only important thing. I do pray that things shall turn out here as God would want them, & that this peace talk shall materialize into the real thing.

Chapel this morning was very inspirational. The chaplain spoke of our actions out here in conjunction with going home. Also how a persons religious life here fitted into his at home.

This past week I have been working quite a bit in the equipment dept. Things are really beginning to look good out there most of the construction and odd & ends are over. Now most of the time is spent in preventive maintenance and repair work around here. It is interesting and I enjoy doing it.

It is surprising how rapidly the time does pass when a person is busy like that. I am glad that Barb could go to find Dad with you. It is hard to think of her and Richard as growing up. Probably it is the same with them as it was with Gene and I. My how I wish I could be there to spend time with both Barbara & Richard. Say - how about you two writing out this way. I guess you are pretty busy Rich with your job there at stocks. How do you like working in a jewelry store? It is hard to believe that this fall Rich you will be a freshman and Barbara a junior.

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Say Ruth - how long will you be home? How is that husband of yours? I would like to see Pat now I imagine she has changed considerably since I was home. The picture that mom sent of her and Marilyn were swell and I got a lot of enjoyment from them.

It certainly has been warm these past few days. The temp inside these huts has been 98 and higher today and yesterday - so it has been considerably warmer outside. We still are in the rainy season tho so the heat is only temporary - I hope!

I have been doing quite a bit of reading these past weeks. Some of it light and others not. We get some books from the education branch A. Force Institute and they are good - mostly text books. Most of the books are ones I wouldn't read if I were home, but they take up time so I read them.

It is time to close for now. You are all so near and I know that he is uniting us always in his spirit.

Lots of love

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