



Sunday Evening
19 August 1945

Dearest Folks -

Your very, honest. This been a momentous week here in world events. How thankful that the japs have surrendered, and hostilities have ceased. The news has reached us similar to the way it imagine it has come to you - many restless and waiting hours in our rooms until the final word did come. As for celebration, this island saw little of it. As a rule the feeling here, as there, was much deeper than cheering and other such expressions of celebration. Of course there were a few who thought that by getting drunk and all they were accomplishing some sort of release. Why don't do men act that way? One disadvantage here is that the C.O. seems to approve of it tho. It is strange how in ten or eleven months a persons ideas and standards can slip or alter their paths.

Most every one now is saying "when are we going home", or "when shall I get discharged". The new Navy & C.G. point system hasn't helped things either for it's certainly isn't fair, especially to those who have been over seas for 18 months or more. There are many fellows out here who have seen 30 or 36 months of seas duty, but because they are under 26 and single they have only 25 or 26 points by the Navy point system.

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system. It shall all work out tho, and I imagine
the best thing to do is wait. It all points toward
the fact that folks my age are the ones they want
to keep.

The letters from all of you have been swell
and they have meant a great deal. Mother, your gift
certainly is wonderful. I am glad for you, for you certainly
deserve it. It was swell of the lady to think of you and
express her gratitude in that manner. I am glad
the Richard shall quit work and get some relaxation
in before school starts. How did you like work rich?

The letters from Janice have also been good.
I am a little sorry that she hasn't been to church more
regularly. They have spent most of the weekends up
at their cabin. She is somewhat unsettled about
this fall - she wants to go back to school, yet there are
certain courses she wants to take which she wouldn't if
she sticks to the degree course. She probably has it worked
out by now - I do hope she goes to school for that shall
be best. She wants to be in e.s. when I come home and
she thought by going to Chicago she would miss it, if
I would come home before Christmas. That is very
impractical tho and besides that shouldn't stand in
the way of her education. She is always very stubborn
tho (I.P.) about thinking some thing thru so it
shall work out for the best I know. She is a good gal!!

W-V-D day or not the work goes on the same for us
type - altho aside from standing my watches and working

noted. W.P.

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in the A.M. the time is unimportant. I have made
some work this past week and that has been good. On
Friday I finished "Arrowsmith" by S. L. Lewis,
and now I am reading "The Green Years" by
A. J. Cronin.

I certainly hope that Dick gets along OK. It
was a shock to hear of his condition. I imagine he is
receiving good care and they are doing every thing
for him. It was fortunate he is back there in the
states where hospitalization is available.

It's late now and I must close. I shall call you
in the morning so until then, Bye.

It is now Monday eve and again I am writing
to you. I am sorry I didn't finish this last night
but I wasn't able to.

Oh say - would you do some thing for me - would
you get my bow and set of arrows out of the garage
and take them up in the room. I have an idea
that I want to do some archery when I come back
and maybe if they are in the house they will be
in good condition. I hope so - it thinks a lot!
I have been saving quite a bit of money
from my pay check and I have been letting it
accumulate here. I have \$100 now so I am sending
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to you to put in the bank. I hope they
money order gets thru OK.

Say Dad your trip to Round Mesa sounded swell altho
I wish you would have had better accommodations. I
certainly feel the need for some good institutes again.
I wish good Bab that you would go with Dad - I
hope you enjoyed it - Bob & I sure did when we went
with him. Did you see the Indian paintings on the
road side on the way, we passed them at night
so we missed out on it. I'd love to see
it certainly sounds good to hear of your larger
services there. How often I think of them and wish
that we were all there together again, the services,
and also the ride home together in a well filled car.

I hear that the U.S. works has converted all its
First & Sec. houses into quarters or rather apartments for
service men ~~for~~ both single & married. I still am rather
undecided as to the school I would like to attend. I want
to be as close to home as possible tho (last visit S.C. - Ha.)
below - It is raining out now and I like the sound
of it on the roof. Lately the wind has been blowing
from the west (it is usually from the East) and
because of that the sound of the teachers is almost
clear. It is a peaceful sound and often it helps dispel
thoughts which other wise are slow coming in
now I'd like to go for now and may do so with
all of us in these times.

Love
Jim

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