

SUNDAY EVENING 16 DECEMBER

DEAREST FOLKS,

MY BUT THIS LAST WEEK HAS GONE BY FAST- THATS GOOD. IT HAS BEEN ONE OF THE FEW WEEKS THAT THERE HASNT BEEN A LOT OF RAIN, AND BECAUSE OF THAT THE DUST HAS BEEN BAD. IT DID RAIN SLIGHTKY LAST NIGHT THO AND IT HELPED A LOT. TODAY HAS BEEN REALY PLEASANT THE SUN HAS BEEN HOT, AND A BREEZE HAS BEEN BLOWING FROM THE EAST, KEEPING THINGS FROM GETTING TO HOT;

I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE LETTER I WROTE LAST SUNDAY, IT WASNT GOOD AT ALL. HOPE THAT THIS IS BETTER!

IT IS SWELL THAT GENE AND SALLY ARE THERE WITH YOU AND THAT THEY SHALL BE THERE FOR THE HOLLIDAY SEASON, I HOPE THAT THEY HAD A GOOD TRIP FROM THE COAST. SAY HELLO TO THE FAMILY FOR ME, WILL YOU GENE- THANKS. HAVE YOU HEARD ANY THING ABOUT BEING DISCHARGED? SURE WISH THAT BOT BOB AND I COULD BE THERE WITH YOU WHEN THE TREE IS DECORATED, THAT WOULD BE GREAT WOULDNT IT.

THE CHAPEL SURVICE THIS A.M. WAS REALY GOOD. I AM ENCLOSING THE BULLITIN FOR THE SERVICE. HIS SERMON WAS CERTAINLY TIMELY AND IT SEEMED TO BE WHAT I NEEDED. I FOUND OUT THAT THE CHAPLIN IS A METHODIST FROM THE SOUTH SOMEWHERE. HE SPOKE TODAY OF GOING TO SCHOOL AT DANVILLE KENTUCKY- THATS A METH. SEMINARY(SP) ISNT IT? I WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH HIM SOME TIME AND SEE IF HE KNOWS BOB H.--COULD BE. IT WAS ALSO GOOD TO SING SOME FAMILIAR HYMNS, AND THE FELLAS DID JUSTICE TO THEM. THERE IS SOME THING ABOUT A LOT OF FELLAS SINGING THAT SEEMS TO GET A PERSON INSIDE.

THEY HAVE ~~BEEN~~/PLA STARTED PLAYING CAROLS ON THE LOCAL RADIO STATION AND THEY SOUND SWELL. EACH CHRISTMAS THAT PASSES I RE- DISCOVER FOR MY SELF THAT THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS DOES NOT COME FROM THE OUT SIDE, BUT RATHER IT IS FOUND IN A PERSON AND THEN IT IS RADIATED OUT.

THE RADIO IS ON HERE IN THE LORAN HUT (REMEMBER GENE) AND BING CROSBY IS SINGING "SOME SUNDAY MORNING" I LIKE IT A LOT, ESPECIALLY FOR A POPULAR SONG. HAVE YOU HEARD IT ?

YESTERDAY LEMAK AND I WALKED ALONG THE BEACH AND ABOUT A HALF MILE FROM HERE A BOAT HAD DRIFTED ASHORE. WE PUT IT IN THE WATER AND PULLED IT TO OUR BEACH HERE--NOW IT IS BEHIND THE LORAN HUT AND WE ARE GOING TO FIX IT UP. IT WILL BE SOME THING TO DO IN OUR SPARE TIME AND SHOULD BE FUN. TOMORROW WE ARE GOING TO START LAYING A CEMENT COURT, SO THAT IT CAN BE USED FOR BASKETBALL, VOLEEY BALL AND ALSO TENNIS. WE WILL HAVE TO POUR A SECTION AT A TIME BUT IT SHOULDN'T TAKE TO LONG TO DO IT. THERE ARE AT LEAST TWELVE FELLAS A DAY TO WORK ON IT AND THAT IS MORE THAN ENOUGH. THE C.O. IS BOBROWING A MIXER FROM THE NAVY AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF CEMENT (IF NOT THE ISLAND RECREATION OFFICER SAID HE WOULD GET US ALL WE NEED FOR REC. ~~FOR~~ PURPOSES) BOY, MY SPELLING IS BAD! GUESS I HAVE TO TAKE A BONE HEAD ENGLISH COURSE IN SCHOOL-HA! OR MAYBE I CAN BLAME IT ON THE TYPEWRITER. (CANT EVEN SPELL THAT)

KNOW THAT ON CHRISTMAS DAY I WILL BE THINKING OF ALL OF YOU, AND WE SHALL BE TOGETHER IN SPIRIT. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL TO BE THANKFUL TO GOD FOR ON THIS SEASON, MAY HE BE WITH ALL OF US, WHERE EVER WE SHALL BE. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OF YOU, THAT IS MY WISH.

*Love*

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