

3 December 1945

Sunday eve -

Dearest Folks,

Boy - it was really warm this afternoon and altho a breeze has come up it still hasn't cooled down, but it should be the time for bed.

Today was communion Sunday and the service at the naval base was good. The service was a lot better today than last Sunday. They served the sacrament at the altar and it was impressive the way it was handled. There were more folks there than I have ever seen (for the early service) and you could tell it when we sang the hymns.

For our dinner today we had a second Thanksgiving meal. Turkey dressing and all that goes with it. There has been an excess of turkey on the island and that is why we have been given some extra ones. They sent enough out for the men that were here on V day, and a lot have left since then - some 40,000 I think.

I am enclosing a copy of today's target - it was a good article with pictures concerning the surrender of the remaining japs on the island.

Boy man that fruit cake you sent certainly is good. I brought it out on Wed the other evening and about 5 of the fellows here helped eat part of it.

we brewed a pot of coffee and it went good with the cake. all the fellows said "Tell your mother that the cake was swell".

most of the high point fellows have been relieved from the unit. There are only 12 of us left who were part of the original crew, and all of us are loan personnel (Teehs and crooks). we haven't heard any thing further on rotation but think that it won't be too long before we hear some thing definite. The station at Withri is being relieved this week and I think that we should be next - as soon as enough personnel arrive.

The past week has been spent in standing watches, reading and doing the maintenance work on the loan gear. It has gone by rapidly tho and that is good.

I hope you had a good birthday Paul. it must have been swell to have Bob and Ruth there with you all. Bye for now and I am ever thankful for you.

Love
Jim

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