

30 December 1945

Dear folks, was glad to see you on Sunday afternoon

This past week has been a good one, these
have you been very thankful for and also
I have been ever more thankful for all of you. The
holidays this year have been
very happy. On Christmas eve some
of us set out and watched the display in the
square sending off red, green and white flowers.
We stayed there until late, watching the
flowers fall, but mostly thinking and talking
and other what we thought the folks at home
would be doing on that night. Also we talked about
the various Christmas's of the past and then those
of the future when we will again be home. It
was a good Christmas. We had all evening, and as
on the following day we felt so close to all
of you and that went a lot. I had a
very nice Christmas day, I had the water in the
kitchen, and I had a good one. I had my new testament
with me, and once again I read the Christmas
story from Luke. All day the local station
had the best of us, and I like to say of that I

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broadcast carols, and other Christmas music.

Our meal for the day was very similar to that which we had on Thanksgiving. The fellow who cooks here certainly did well for himself. He feels like he certainly does well.

After lunch I lay down and slept until after

4:00. About 4:30 the folks came back from the P.O.

and they had some packages with them - it seemed to add a little more to the day to receive your package with the cheese, pine nuts, and other things. Along with the one from you there was one from Emma, and I appreciate her sending

me a letter. That evening I had the all night watch

and I took the candles you sent me, and lit them

for a hour or so. This Christmas has meant a lot

to me, and I am glad for it. It was good to know

that Gene and Sally were there with you, and I

am thankful that you had shared their happiness.

Because of this year, I shall appreciate the years to

come much more, and be more thankful

for those that have known me. Being out here has

made me more appreciative of so much that

I took for granted while home, and I feel that