

The Marianos Isls.

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Sunday afternoon

Dearest Folks,

If there were palm trees around and other tropical vegetation I would think I was up in Washington State -. Every since last night it has been raining off and on. a regular down pour leaving puddles of water everywhere. and when it rains hard enough here to leave water standing (in this sand) it really has to rain. up until now I have been sleeping - listening to the rain and feeling very much at rest with the world.

Chapel this morning was again good. I certainly appreciated the talk the chaplain gave. They have built some thing like a day room at the place we go, so they are going to hold all the services there from now on. After the service looked the chaplain about Chaplain Sides - as he told me last week he would find out if he was here. He said that Sides was here at one time but is now on Guam. He also said that he probably moved there about a couple months ago. I was disappointed for it would have been wonderful to have seen some one who is a mutual friend - or who knows the folks. I still say tho that some day I will run into (not literally) some one who I know, out here. I hope so anyway.

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this afternoon I lay down and dozed off - just as I went to sleep Richard Crooks was singing the "Gods Prayer" on the radio - when I awake about 1500 Kate Smith was singing "God Bless America". Really some difference dont you think? Now I am writing to you and it is raining - can you hear it? It sounds good on these tin roofs.

this past week has made one thing which I have been wondering about dear to me. that is the question about the lengths of time I will be out here. we had a meeting on thursday and the Ensign in charge told us what the Policy would be according to the latest bulletin from Headquarters. It is: the C.C. shall start relieving men at this station at ten months after we are commissioned and according to this we are to be commissioned in another week or so. that means that if every thing goes the way it is planned now I may be home by December. I am glad he told us because it now gives us something tangible to look forward to.

also this past week I got my film back from the air base where they were to be developed. From the looks of the negatives they are pretty good. my next problem is to find some way to get them

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printed up. I cannot send them home
until I have a print with them.

we also had a ball game on Wednesday -
it was a good game altho we lost - I well maybe
we will win the game we play this week -
who knows.

It is chow time as I must stop for
now. May God be with you and watch over you
during this week and the weeks to come.

Lots of love
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