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Happy New Year,

It is a warm, quiet newyears day here in the Marianas. The temperature has been ranging between 93 and 100 degrees and altho a breeze was blowing this morning it has stopped now.

This last week of the last year has been a good one in certain respects - especially as far as mail has been concerned. Tuesday I received letters from both dad and mother, boy they certainly were appreciated. Thanks for the information on the water and its mother - it was the first I had heard of those things you mentioned. Also the others here appreciated it. On Thursday mail from Gene, a card from Solly and also a letter from Janice were received. It certainly was good to hear from them. Yesterday afternoon I received dads letter of the 24th - the answer is no. one dad - nuff said.

Chapel yesterday morning was exceptionally good - I went away with some thing more than I went there with I went there with. After the service was over we (six of us) came back and

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washed up and then had chow. Then had to go ~~on~~ on watch until four. By then it was time for chow again and also coke call. We are rationed (those of us who drink coke) one bottle a day - so that is quite good. At the end of a hot day they go pretty well.

New Year's eve was quiet, I went to bed at ten o'clock - up again at four New Year's day for my watch, and then back to bed again for a change to catch up on some well needed sleep.

Today as I said has been quiet - giving us a chance to relax and do as we wished (more or less). This afternoon I managed to take quite a few more pictures - here and also in the vicinity of the base here. Our C.A. said he could get them developed at ~~the~~ another base here. If and when they are done, I shall send them on to you. I hope they do turn out bright.

By the way if you do have an opportunity to get some 127 I would appreciate it. A little of condition as the same now as they were when I was home. There may not be much chance to obtain the fish. Also that cheese which mother sent was really good - I would appreciate some more of it. We ate it on watch a couple nights - it and sparsa with fresh bread the cooks had finished baking that afternoon.

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When ever we do have the night watch, or rather every night there are night rotations in the ice box (fruit juice, sandwich meat, pickles, etc.) for those who have the night watches. They often hold us over until breakfast at 6:30. Speaking of food this A.M. we had fried eggs - the second time since here. Myself I never thought that various types of food could be so appreciated. Some things which I took for granted at home, here are really scarce. Not only has it helped me to appreciate the food, but even more I have realized how fortunate I am for the home we have.

Yesterday at chapel we had communion - as I took it I felt a new meaning for the holy sacrament. Many things seemed so dear & things which before were somewhat hazy, after I had partaken of it.

As I look ahead I wonder what the new year shall bring to our family and loved ones - none the less I know God is ever present - guiding and watching over each of us.

I shall stop now - until later I shall say -
Goodnight for now

Lots of love
Jim

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P.S. Say Rich and Barb - how about telling me of your Christmas