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Sunday Afternoon

Dearest Folks,

It is hard to imagine another month having gone by. It certainly seems that June went by rapidly, and I am glad. Just a year ago now I was leaving S. F. for Swanton, or rather preparing to leave friends. If I remember right we left about the 3rd of the month.

My car it is warm today - the usual breeze we have has momentarily stopped and the result is a very hot Sunday. There has ~~been~~ been no reason for any physical exertion as yet tho, so I don't mind the heat.

Last Tuesday Dick came out again, as the ship he was on didn't leave until that evening. There happened to be some C.G. photographers here and they took our pictures together they said they would be in the Telegraph, but I don't know. I am enclosing some pictures I took while he was here, I have the negatives and will send them on at a further date.

Dick wanted some prints mailed to him so after you get the negatives will you send both He and I a set of them - swell.

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I was thankful for the chance to see Dick again and to spend more time with him. We got the jeep and I showed him around the island here, stopping at the B-29 base and also at the 2nd marine cemetery where we visited Dick Sloate's grave. The cemetery there has changed since Gene and I were there. They have planted a heavy grass over the earth and also some ivy. There was a small piece of the ivy entrained around Dick's cross. We tried to be at the fleet landing by 1600 so that Dick could catch a small boat for his ship and also I had to be getting back here and go on watch. He is going back to Pearl where his ship is now undergoing repairs. He certainly has a time trying to find that DE - going to the Caroline, and then up to Okinawa and now back again. I do hope he catches up with it now for it should be time. I saw across an officer the other day (name) who has been 7 months trying to catch his ship - I feel sorry for the fellow who he is relieving, he must really be sweating it out. I hope that if Dick's ship comes out this way again that he can stop here for I would like seeing him again. I don't know whether I told you about the trouble we had with our 1st loss cook. I shall tell you the details when I am home but anyway

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he has had a past record for being an alcoholic.
lately he has been getting drunk regularly and
he finally was sent to the brig here on the island.
~~for~~ all the drinking he has done has affected his
mind for he certainly is not mentally balanced. I
hold our commanding officer to blame for it mainly
this for he has let it go continuously, now it is
almost too late. The 3rd class cook we have had
been doing all the cooking now that the other
fella is gone, and he certainly has surprised me
in the good job he is doing. Our dinner today
was very good. We had steak (from New Zealand beef)
french fried potatoes, french corn on the cob (grown
here on the island), and chocolate ice cream for
dessert. It was really a good meal.

Aside from today we have been having a lot
of rain lately. I guess the rainy season is here
to stay for a while.

at chapel this morning we had communion, and
it was an impressive service. There are rumors
going around that the outfit the chaplain belongs
to, is breaking up. If so that means we must
find a different chapel to attend. I hope it does
not come about though for I like the chaplain a lot,
and we have been going there every since we landed

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here.

I am glad that Janice is home now, and I am jealous of all of you in seeing her. I have received several letters from her telling about her trip home and her first few days there. As yet I don't know where she is going to work, but I hope she does start soon, it will do her good. I think. What does Andy and Sally think of her? OK huh!

I imagine that when this reaches you Richard will be at the camp, and the rest of you back from your brief vacation. I wonder what type of camp they are having at the Wash Park camp this year. I have a good idea. Our program here has made it so aside from our standing watches and keeping this gear working, there isn't much else to do. I have been doing a lot of reading, mostly light stuff that we have here. Novels like Vanity Fair, Night Shift, Cardigan and some others. I read them the book you sent some time ago - Byrd's Basic History. Now I'm going down it, spending more time on it.

My the sunset is beautiful this evening. We certainly get our share of the good ones here tomorrow will make it a month since I left the state. I wonder how much longer it shall be?? I must stop now, my God be with you always.

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