



Saipan Valley
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Dearest Folks,

Good evening to all of you from Saipan. As I sit here writing to you I wonder what you have been doing this day. My how I wish I were able to have been there in church with you and more than just my being there I wish it were possible for all of us to be together there at home. My thoughts this day have been of all of you and of many sundays past when we were together, and I am thankful for them, and also for those in the future. It is so strange that when I was there at home each day I came and went with out much thought and now that I am away I try to recapture each moment of those hours and days spent there. How long past

This has been a rainy week. Each day we have had our share of showers and with them and the usually strong easterly breeze we have now, the days have been most pleasant. On Wednesday night, it was a good rainy night, so we decided to pop some corn. I took some that you sent and about 18:15 Smith and I went in the galley and started popping it. I was really surprised for we didn't have any trouble with the corn at all - it really popped. We finished up two big dish pans full of it, and after adding some New Zealand butter, it was idone. So we had

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popcorn for the show there in the gallery. The
fellow really liked it for by the time the show
was over the dish pans were both empty. I think
as far as I am concerned tho that I enjoyed the
popcorn much more than the western movie that
we had. I still have a couple cans of unpopped
corn so it please some that Smith got should show
for another evening soon. I think I mentioned last April about some C.G.
photographers coming here and taking some photos. as
we received some of them Friday in the mail and
I sent the one of me to Janice. I told her to take it
up to the house and show ^{it to} you. The boat that
sitting in is one of those I have spoken about that
we go sailing in. Also I have packed a box of extra
clothes I have, and I shall send it the first of the week.
They probably wont reach you for another month or so but any
way they are on the way there. I have some more
clothes I want to send - but I shall wait until later
before I pack them and get them on the way. I
imagine that by now Dick has reached Pearl H.
and his ship will hope so for it will also mean that
he has received a lot of mail. During the past week we had a visitor here. The
Commander was here from District Headquarters in
Hawaii and the purpose of his trip was for inspection
of the station. I wont say much about his being
here - but I certainly was glad to see him go and

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I hope he doesn't decide to come back here for a while. It is strange how some people can make you feel so uneasy and nervous. I happened to be on watch at the time he came out in the equipment hut and was a god when he left.

Our chapel this morning was very good. I missed going last Sunday as I had the watch from 0700 to 1200, so the service this morning was extra meaningful. The outfit who did occupy the area there has left but we are continuing our services there anyway. It is a good location being central for all the ~~area~~ outfits that come to the services each Sunday.

As I am writing this it is raining out and the sound of it on the roof is very peaceful. I wonder if Richard is back from camp yet.

Dad I hope your eye is better, and by now I imagine the new glasses have been fitted. Soon I shall have to close for it is late and I am tired. But even tho I stop I shall still think of you. How I wish it was possible for me to be sitting with mother in church enjoying the service there. May God be with all of you until we are together again —

Lots of love

Jim

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