



Sunday Evening

10 June 1945

Dearest Folks,

Hello all - has this been a good Sunday for you? I hope so, for it has been for me.

For the past week and a half we haven't received much mail but they were using the space for shipping blood into Oki. So we were glad they held our mail up. Today tho we really received a lot of it, and that is the main reason why this is such a good day for me.

As for as the physical aspects of the past week have gone they have been similar to many other weeks out here. I had a little excitement during the first of the week which I shall mention later. In another day we shall conclude the painting of the insides of these quarters. We are doing the equipment but now and tomorrow will see the conclusion of it. Most of the grey we have been using was quite dark so I tried some thing else for this equipment but I mixed some cream with the grey until I had a grey light blue shade. It is really nice. It looks a lot like the shade of blue that you used in the dome there in Tuona Dad. Remember?

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In a few days we have some supplies coming  
so I imagine we will be getting some more  
paint - Ha. that is one thing that the  
Coast Guard never seems to run out of - paint.  
The next paint job will be the out side of these  
quonsets - that shouldn't be too hard tho for me  
have a air compressor and spraying outfit  
which should go with these flat surfaces swell.  
The only difficulty will be with the wind blow-  
ing the paint away before it strikes the  
tin - oh well that remains for the future to  
take care of.

On Tuesday I played bucket ball with a  
near by army team (our team here has dissolved  
because of a lack of interest). The game we had  
was with a paint outfit in the hills here and it  
proved quite interesting - afterwards. Altho during  
it it was far from being amusing. Shortly  
after we started playing I heard a lot of machine gun  
fire in a ravine nearby - it turned out to be  
some natives making a raid on some Japs covered  
there. There seemed to be no immediate danger,  
altho they were firing 50 yds away, so we  
went ahead and finished the game. Believe me  
I didn't pay much attention to bucket ball that  
night. My bet these Japs here (and elsewhere too)  
are fanatical. We have had this island almost a year  
now, and yet they are still resisting in the hills  
here.

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But enough of that, there are many brighter things to talk about than all this.

I was sorry to hear of Mrs. Bartlett's death.

I remember seeing Mr. Paul Bartlett with her and Mrs. in church each Sunday. They were really regular "East Balconiers". I really like Mr. Bartlett, I use to spend my time talking with him at the P.O. rather than mail waymises packages.

tomorrow shall be Mother's birthday. Happy Birthday Mother & I shall be thinking of you thru out your day. Do you remember the time in Denver when I got the vase and a note at conways for your birthday? I do wish I were able get you another vase for it now, but my thoughts shall be turned toward you and the time we are able to really have a good celebration on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Say, I really liked reading what you said about John and Marilyn. Especially what you said about dust playing with the children. That was alright. I am glad Marilyn is over her shyness with you all. How any body could remain that way after spending some time with your family has always been a mystery to me anyway.

Remember the "case" we gave C.P. Smith in town. I wonder where he is now.

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there have been many, ~~whereas~~ ~~times~~ times that memories of the past like that have meant so much. I am thankful for all of them.

I really appreciated the photo of John Richard you sent along with mother's letter. Thanks Audrey. He is really some thing to be proud of.

Dad spoke of giving the Vocation (where) at his school this year. Now well I remember the one a couple years ago. I never was "as hot as that" right meaning that cap and gown. Also I remember Mr. Cutchel's (S.P.) address - my friend said. I am sure they got much more this year than we had. The memorial day bulletin really did me a lot of good. Dad?

I felt that the picture was very fitting. I have read quite a bit recently about in "time" and other periodicals about plans for war memorials. Statues and etc. I never have felt that sinking several thousand dollars in a marble statue was right, and I still don't. If they are going to do some thing like that, why not use the money for a civic project of some kind. Some thing living and constructive. I would like to give some of those U.S.W. big wigs a swift kick where it would do the most good.

Janice writes how anxious she is to get home for the summer. I imagine by the time this reaches you she shall be there. She wants to work some where and I know it will do her good. I hope she gets rested up before she does start the. This last

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Term has been rather hard on her. She certainly is looking forward to meeting you Audrey and Kelly, also to see the babies.

I wasn't able to go to chapel this morning, I had the watch from 0800 to 1200 and no one was available to stand by me. I am sorry I did miss going for I really look forward to each Sunday's services. I will have a different set of watches this next week tho so I will be able to go next Sunday for sure. Now that the four new seamen are here none of us tech's ~~do~~ go in the galley any more. It is good to be relieved of that altho standing continuous watches does get rather tiresome.

I must close now for it is late and ya de eye lids are getting heavy. Good night all for now. I pray that he is with you always, as he unites us all.

Lots of love

Jim

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