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Sunday Evening

Dearest Folks,

Today has reminded me a great deal of a "typical" Washington day. I know that you would have appreciated it if you had been here, for I certainly have. From the reports we are getting the "rainy" season is about to begin. Now I don't know what that really means for if it is like the dry season we were just suppose to have, there isn't much too it. But I have a feeling it will definitely be "a rainy season". Anyway today has been a pleasant preview with occasional showers separated with periods of sunshine and a pleasant breeze. I have enjoyed it a great deal. It is strange how a person gets to enjoy the simpler things when he is out here. It has done me a lot of good and I feel I have profited by it a lot. I get to looking forward to sunrises and sun sets, beautiful nights where the moon is full and occasional clouds fill the sky with mystery. I think I have learned a great deal just being out here and altho all I have experienced would probably have come

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later on, yet I am thankful I have experienced it. There is some thing about living with 25 men this way - knowing each of them almost too well, trying to figure out why a person reacts as he does under the different conditions which are constantly arising. All this has taught me a patience which I never realized was possible for me to obtain.

We had an interesting movie here this evening. It was "Keys of the Kingdom". I had read the book some time ago (out here) and I thought it interesting. It was good to see the movie and get a comparison between the two. Have any of you seen the movie yet? I think you will enjoy it a lot if you do go. I really enjoyed it. Often I think it would be better if instead of having movies every night here, as they do, for them to have at least two good movies a week. So much of the films they send out is pretty poor. When ever a good picture does come a new person appreciates it more than he ordinarily would.

A year ago today I left the Springs after spending my leave there. All these past two weeks I have been thinking back and reliving all the hours I spent there. It certainly has come to mean a great deal to me, and I am

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increasingly thankful for it. I certainly appreciate your getting on the mission for me. You shouldn't have used one of your stamps the Audrey for I realize they are too scarce. I hope it doesn't affect you in any way.

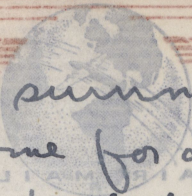
Often during the day I stop and wonder what all of you are doing. I imagine that the house is lively with John, and my mailings papers.

Audrey I have as yet to write to Dick. I plan to do that soon. One of the fellows here has a brother on the DE 748 and in one of his letters he spoke of a couple other DE<sup>12</sup> of numbers close to his being in the same fleet. It maybe that Dick's ship is with the "Dills" (748).

I certainly enjoyed the picture on the bulletin of Mother's Day. That Oregon coast really looked good. Ho that certainly was an unusual trip wasn't it! Last spring while I was stationed at Yuba Buena Island and drove over "99" several times I always remembered the trip we had made down it together.

By this time next month Janice shall  
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be home for the summer. It will be good for her to be home for a few months, before going back to her fall term. I think she would like to work at Alexander's but she does not ~~not~~ know definitely yet.

We had communion this morning and it was a fine service. I appreciated it a great deal.

It is hard to believe that June is well on its way. This year has gone fast so far and as long as I am over here I hope it continues that way. So that a selfish thought, I didn't mean it that way.

It is rather late now and before I go to bed I want to write to Janice. It is good to hear from you and I pray his presence be with you always. Good night for now.

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