

The Marianas
4 March 1945
Sunday aft.

Dearest Folks,

today has been the best Sunday
I have known since coming out here. I hope
the rest of them can be like today.

at chapel this morning we had communion -
it certainly was inspirational for me. Also the
chaplain gave a short talk which was very
fitting with the service. That chapel to
me has become something to look forward
to each week - and that too it should be.

after chapel we came back here to the
base. I picked up the out going mail and
took the jeep down to the F.P.O. Also
I returned the movie we had here last night
and picked up the one they are showing
tonight. Then I picked up the mail - we
had quite a bit of it, and it was rather hard
to wait until I got back here before opening

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and sorting the mail.

We did pass it out the aft. & returned.
In it I received mail from Dad and also Janice.
Also during the week I received mail from
Andy, Ruth, Bob and Mother. Mother's letter
gave the most news of home and you folks there.
Your letters are so very much appreciated now.
I wish I could say just how much. ✱

Dad I wish you ~~to~~ would thank Mr. Frank
for the two watch straps, they both reached
me in your letters. I am using the cloth
one first and later I shall try the other. Thanks
Dad for sending them to me.

From the reports you sent the Hi
banquet was really a success! That's great. I
often wondered why the high school didn't
"get wise" to them selves and change their
program. They could never figure out ~~by~~ why
there were only a few out to their dances,
and yet they wouldn't experiment to see what
the kids really liked.

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you know dad I think the two most
appreciative high school students, toward the
program you have there at the church, were
the Zinky brothers.

I was interested to hear that ^{Widley} Louie, and
Don Edwards were both home. I guess that
V-12 has justified its self somewhere - but it
is rather hard to tell some of the fleet men
who have been out here for 24 to 30 months,
that. It would be interesting to see some
of them react when they hear how "tough"
it is with studying every night and exams.

From the clipping you sent ^{mom}, that must
have been quite a train wreck. I didn't
think a 17 year old could obtain a chauffeur (H)
license license tho - ?

We received word last Tuesday that
we are now commissioned - it only changes
our official status tho, the rest remains the
same. We now can fly the flag from our
flag pole - it certainly looks good, flying over our
station.

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I shall never forget the feeling I got when we first landed here. We were ~~driving~~ driving out towards the site here and enroute we passed the 2nd marine division cemetery. The sight of all the small uniformly shaped white crosses, row on row. and in the middle the flag was flying. When I saw that I learned a new relation ship towards ~~the~~ and also a different type of partition - a kind only brought about by experiencing such a sight -. Did you know what I mean for you felt it in France while visiting cemeteries there.

Bob's letter enclosed two photos of him - they were small and were both so much, Bob. You mentioned in your letter mother that he had sent you some. Did it seem to you that he is getting a little bald? Had hope not!,, altho it seemed that way to me from his photos.

I am still waiting for an opportunity to print the negatives home. then I shall be able to send them to you - as censorship says a print must accompany each ~~to~~ neg.

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altho' it is beyond me what would be
military about this old mug of mine. Ha.

I am still in the "afterglow" of seeing
Gene - it meant a great deal. My prayers are
with him where ever he goes.

Hey Rich how about you and me popping
some corn - then the whole family sitting
together in front of the fire place and eating
the corn. that would be wonderful wouldn't it -?

I hope you did alright in your final Barb -
I never did like the way they give them there
at C.S.H.S. -- old brown and white you-ya -

Ha.

I guess I have rambled far enough -
It seems so good to be able to talk with you -
all of you are in my thoughts and prayers so surely
I am constantly trying to be as you would
want me too.

Lots of love

Jim

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P.S. I am enclosing a money order - will you
put it on my account - thanks.

Jim