

The Mainwors
20 May 1945
Sunday Eve.

Dearest Folks,

Another week has almost past by, a week of nothing out standing as far as excitement has gone, but I have liked it that way. To many weeks of "excitement" have passed by out here, and one of comparative peace seems good.

I imagine that Sally and Audrey with respective families are there with you now. That certainly must be wonderful to have them there. I imagine that Audrey and Sally do not mind it so much either. It was just a year ago tomorrow that I left Oakland depot, for home. My how thankful I am for those days I had with you, they were sweet. Many many times I have thought back ~~to~~ to those days reliving each one of them. I am now glad that Audrey and Sally are able to be with you.

In the mail today I received a letter from Ruth, and one from Dad. It certainly was good to hear from both of you (altho Ruth isn't there). Dad spoke of the apple trees about ready to bloom, that means spring has come to Colorado Springs. That is some thing I certainly miss out here, the coming and going of various seasons, and especially spring.

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Ruth's letter contained pictures of Bob, and also Patricia Ruth. It was good to receive them and also to read her letter. She certainly hasn't lost any of her humor, and that is good. I guess the sick spell came to all of us at once. Dad with the flu, Ruth with ~~the~~ a cold, Patricia and the nurse and I also had a cold. I guess you couldn't say that the Albertsons don't stick together - Ha.

Ralph Knight came down again on Thursday. He brought his C.O. a major with him and I showed them our year here and how it operates. I want to get up and see Ralph again soon, but I must wait until we do the watches and have the other one for a while. It is hard to get away when the 1200 to 1600 comes every other afternoon.

I have been doing a little reading lately. Bob sent me a pocket book of poems, which is quite good, and he has been doing some studying in it. Also one of the fellows here got a summer course on Geology, then he quit it, so he gave me the books and I have been reading them. The time I do have isn't much (to read) but it is better than nothing.

We have also been playing quite a bit of Basketball, Tomorrow we have our first game in the island league, here hoping. We only have 7 players but that is pretty good for only 21 men on the base.

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Some time in the near future we are supposed to get 4 more seamen. I hope they come soon, for they certainly can be utilized here. Maybe we shall get a basket ball player out of them. I rather hoped to play a little B.B. in college, ^{but} I don't want to interfere with my studies. Altho being in the service has been not so good in a lot of ways, yet I know I shall go to school with a much deeper appreciation of it, and the studies I shall take.

Say Sally I didn't thank you and M.D. for the valentine you sent, I appreciated it a lot, and I am ~~enjoying~~ saving it and the picture. Thanks.

Janice writes that she is looking forward to coming home about a month from today. She is kept quite busy this term but that is good I think.

The fellows are beginning to come back from the show now, so the quiet I have had this past 45 minutes is no more. I guess I had better draw this to a close.

Lots of love to all of you

Jim

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