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Monday Evening.

Dearest Folks,

This has been a good week, and today has been a good day. I shall tell you about it, for I think you would be interested.

As far as things here at the base have gone there hasn't been much doing this past week, but I have liked it. By the end of next week we should be thru painting the inside of all the units, and then I imagine we shall start on the out side of them. We are suppose to be getting some more paint for that purpose so I imagine we will start as soon as it arrives. We have an air compressor and a spray outfit so it shouldn't take too long to get the out sides painted. Ha, not if I did it any way.

I don't remember just which night it was, but any way one night last week I went to one of the units near here and saw a stage show they had. It was certainly worth the while and also very educational. It was sponsored by the civil affairs here on the island, and was put on entirely by some of the natives here.

H. Albertson, RT 7c

The best part of it was the dances that the men did. They were really interesting. This particular race (or caste, what ever you call it) of people are called the Kanachies (K.P.). They are originally from islands quite a distance south of here - along the equator. And no one seems to know just how they got up here. Anyway that isn't too important.

One of their dances was quite humorous. Altho it wasn't meant to be that way. Down at this camp the civil affairs men teach them army marching, and orders in conjunction with that, you know, left face right face - etc. Well these natives took those orders, part of a native dance, and also some of a Japanese dance and put them all together. The result was funny. They (about 16 of them) would be all singing and stamping their feet when, in a slight accent, you would hear column left march, and they would all make a right or left face and go on singing and dancing. Then again you would hear some thing in Japanese shortly after. I guess this description is rather hazy. It is best to see it. I guess to really appreciate it. I have seen only two USO shows here, one was a army one, and the other was Gettysburg Lawrence's show. I don't know, but I enjoyed the native show, much more than Miss Lawrence's performance. So far I can't say much for the "entertainment" they are sending over here.

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The real news I wanted to tell you this, happened this evening. Chaplin Sides came. He is here on the island for a few hours, so he dropped down to say hello and find how I am doing. It certainly was fine to see and talk with him. It meant a great deal to me. We talked for about half an hour and then he had to leave. He said to tell you that he is fine and enjoying his work here. The reason he was up here was a "observation trip". He said the chaplains do not have inspections.

Ha. Ha. I showed him the latest photo I had received from Audrey and Ruth and he was glad to get to see them. There is a possibility of his coming up here several times in the future, & I certainly hope so. I really enjoyed seeing him.

Say Audrey and Sally how is it to be home for a while? fine I imagine. I wish I were there to see those children of yours.

I received a lot of swell mail this past week. Letters from Audrey, Ruth, Bob, Gene and the folks come. Very but it was good to hear from so many. Now I must find some time to write an answer. Dad I do hope you are over your flu now. You better take it easy for a while.

J. H. Allerton 12/70

We certainly have been having some wonderful moon lit nights here. I think it was full either last night or the night before. I have enjoyed them, altho I imagine I would enjoy them much more if conditions were just a little different. Ha.

Yesterday in Chapel I was thinking about you and your service. I wondered if someone sang "Lord God of hosts be with us yet, lest we forget" - We had a fine Memorial Sunday service. Also I thought of a memorial day in Denver - remember the one when we took the cattle at camp and started construction there? -

Here it is time for me to go to bed - the lights are going out soon anyway. I think of you all often and know that he watches over all of us.

Tots of love

Jim

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