

The Manana  
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Sunday Eve.

Dearest Folks,

It has been a good weekend here, rather cool, cloudy and with an occasional shower. Yesterday especially reminded me of a Washington winter day. The clouds were very low and there seemed to be a fog where the clouds left off. It was almost cold for the breeze was strong and cool.

This past week has been somewhat of a parade to the weekend and as far as the weather has gone. I am thankful that the wind has come up again, because a week ago was very hot.

The news ~~over~~ during the past week has come fast, and most of it has been good. I am thankful that the war in Europe has come to the close that it has, with out a great loss of life. I shall be more thankful when it is entirely secured and we are able to get things out this way finished up.

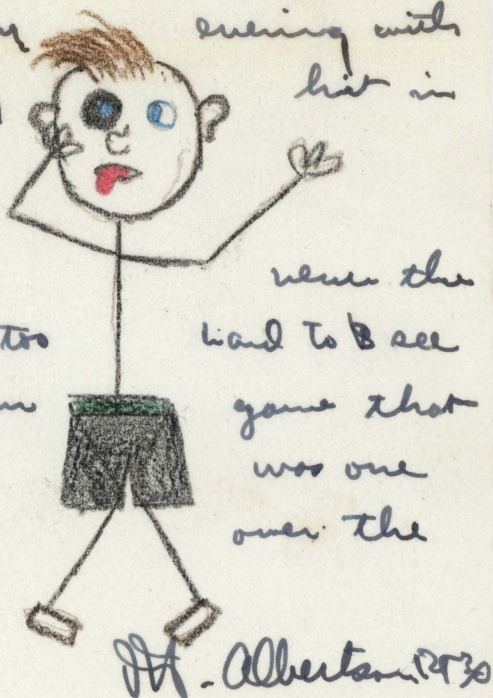
I am enclosing today's copy of the island paper. It has really improved since its first publication. I think I sent you a copy before didn't I?

The mail this past week was good. Mother's two letters of the 24<sup>th</sup> come thru swell,

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and they were both appreciated a lot. Also Dada  
letter came. I wonder if by now Audrey and  
Sally are with you - I bet it seems wonderful  
to have them there, doesn't it. The house  
hold must certainly be lively now with  
the ~~at~~ two "grandchildren" there. My how  
I wish Gene also to be there with you. It seems  
so long since I have seen Audrey - since her  
wedding. And the time a year ago when I was  
with Sally and Gene in Fries seems to have  
slipped by quite fast. I do hope that the  
remaining time we are apart shall go as fast.  
How long will Audrey and Sally be with you?  
I do hope there shall be no hurry for them to  
leave, for it shall be easier on both of you if  
you all can be together together this  
summer.

The cartoon on the bottom of this page  
has a funny story behind it. In the basket  
ball game we played Friday evening with  
a very team I was accidentally hit in  
the eye - result is obvious.  
Of course it isn't nearly as  
bad as I pictured it, but  
less one doesn't have to look too  
it. By the way we lost our  
night. One could say it  
of the few naval victories  
Coast Guard - etc.



A week from today shall be Mother's day. It shall be a day of many memories for me, as is each day. I hope it will be ~~the~~ one of great satisfaction for your mother, a satisfaction in your children doing as you would wish them to. I feel each day is one of a renewed dedication to those things which you and Dad have taught us. I pray that with in this next year those of us who are away now shall be back home again. Wouldn't that be great, Mother's day Sunday 1946 having most of the Albertsons together again. There would be some proud faces in church that morning, namely Bob's and mine. God has been good to us in the past, and I know that whatever this next year holds for us it shall be his will.

at Chapel this morning we had communion. It was a simple service, but in its simplicity we obtain some thing found no where else. We sang a few hymns and the Chaplin gave a few words that suited the occasion. We are holding our services there in the new day room they have built. How what a difference with the first service we attended here out in the open. I talked with the chaplin a little after the service. He has 7 services each Sunday; and he said he feels lost now, he used to hold 9 each Sunday. It seems strange - the ~~Anglican~~ Catholic (there I got it) chaplains are only allowed by their church to give 3 services a Sunday. That is what the  
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Chaplin told me anyway. He has been here since D+S and over sees for 18 months. I admire his view point towards demonstrations. there certainly isn't any discrimination in his feelings about them.

My but we have had some beautiful sunsets this past week. the clouds have been heavy, and they have added to the evening beauty. Each night I say "this is the most ~~good~~ beautiful", only to find on the following night one entirely different and equally beautiful. I guess that's what I get for trying to limit Gods power.

things are quite peaceful here this evening - most of the fellows are involved in some thing or another so every thing is quiet. It is just as well too for often we have a argument going that keeps every thing hot for a few days. all this makes time go fast tho and because of that they are appreciated.

I must close now and get to bed, Good night all and may God be with you thru out the week

lots of love

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