

ARMISTICE DAY-NOVEMBER 11, 1945

DEAREST FOLKS,

THIS HAS BEEN A GOOD CLOSE TO ANOTHER GOOD WEEK, AND I AM GLAD. THE PAST WEEK HASNT BEEN TO EVENTFUL YET THE TIME CONTINUES TO GO BY RAPIDLY-AND THAT IS ALSO GOOD.

I JUST SAID THAT THIS HASNT BEEN TO EVENTFUL OF A WEEK- I WAS WRONG IN PART OF THAT FOR THE WEEK DID START OFF OTHER WISE. ON MONDAY AFTERNOON SOME OF US WERE WORKING ON THE VOLLE BALL COURT-MAKING IT LARGER AND ALSO FINISHING THE TOP OF IT BETTER. I HAPPENED TO LOOK UP, AND I SAW A B-29 COMING ALONG HT BEACH VERY LOW AND IT LOOKED AS IF HTEY WERE THROWING SOME THING OUT OF THE BOMB BAYS. AS SOON AS THAT SOMETHING DEVELOPED LEGS AND ARMS IT WAS EASY TO TELL THAT THERE WERE MEN COMING OUT OF THE PLANE. WE RAN TO THE BEACH TO SEE IF ANY OF THE FELLAS WHO DID PARACHUTE OUT NEEDED HELP, BUT ALL OF THEM WHO LANDED IN FRONT OF OUR PLACE WERE O.K. THE PLANE CRASHED JUST OVER THE POINT, AND WHEN IT DID GO DOWN IT JUST MISSED HITTING A FREIGHTER COMING IN BY TEN FEET-CLOSE. I WENT OUT IN THE WATER AND HELPED ONE OF THE FELLAS IN AND HE SAID THAT THREE OF THE FOUR MOTORS HAD GONE OUT SO THE PILOT PASSED THE WORD AROUND TO JUMP. IT CERTAINLY WAS A STRANGE SIGHT TO LOOK UP AND SEE THE FELLAS COMING OUT OF THE PLANE. THEY HAD JUST TAKEN OFF FROM TINIAN AND WERE TO JOIN A PRACTICE FLIGHT WITH SOME OTHER PLANES FROM THAT BASE.

THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF BUGS AND ETC. IN THE HUTS LATELY SO YESTERDAY WE DECIDED TO TRY SOMETHING. WE PRECURED A LOT OF D.D.T. POWDER FROM THE ISLAND COMMAND, AND ALSO A DRUM OF CRUDE KEROSENE. WE MADE THE MIXTURE JUST A LITTLE STRONGER THAT THE DIRECTIONS CALL FOR, JUST TO MAKE SURE. THEN I SET UP OUR PAINT SPRAYING OUTFIT AND PUT THE D.D.T. IN IT. I WAS SUPRISED AT THE RESULTS WE DID GET-IT REALY WORDED SWELL A ND THERE SHOULDN'T BE MANY INSECTS AROUND FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

THE CHAPEL SERVICE THIS MORNING WAS VERY GOOD. I HAVE NOTICED MORE AND MORE THAT THE CHAPLAIN AT THE NAVY BASE SEEMS TO PREACH LIKE YOU DO DAD. HIS SERMON TODAY WAS REALY TO THE POINT AND IT DID ME ALOT OF GOOD.

BOTH MOTHERS AND DADS LETTERS CAME IN THIS WEEK-THANKS FOR THEM. YOUR TRIP TO IOWA SOUNDED SWELL, AND I AM THANKFUL THAT IT WAS. I BET IT SEEMED SWELL TO SEE ALL THE FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, AND TO BEE WITH THEM ONCE MORE!

ON THE RADIO THIS AFTERNOON THEY BROADCASTED THE ARMY-NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL GAME. IT WASNT BAD EXCEPT THAT ARMY WALK ED AWAY WITH THE GAME. THE ARMY-NAVY GAME TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY SHOULD BEEONE OF THE BEST OF THE YEAR. SAY, THE U. OF W. SEEMS TO BE HEADED FOR THE ROSE BOWL-I WILL FEEL SORRY THO IF THEY PLAY ARMY THERE.

IT IS TIME NOW TO GET SOME SLEEP-I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO KEEP AWAY FROM A COLD THAT HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET ME. GOOD NIGHT FOR NOW, AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BRING US TOGETHER IN HIS SPIRIT.

*lots of love*

*Jim*

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