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head was - "It isn't fair" - "They don't realize how  
important it is for me to get home" - and etc. Rather  
than regretting to see them go, it sinks with a  
jubilation of relief that I watched them go out the  
gate. At noon we had to have had left two small  
pines. During the week I was surprised to receive  
a letter from Adele, who had written her in  
care of Des Moines, but didn't expect a reply from  
her. From her letter she is really happy in the  
rearranging and I sure hope things continue to remain  
that way for them. From the way she speaks in  
the letter she hasn't changed much since we  
went to the island in 1913 when we went back to  
Chapel this morning, even though as good as it  
was in the past few Sundays. The sermon  
was over my head - maybe the Deacons thought  
it was necessary to preach a theological sermon  
for once. It certainly is beautiful out  
this evening, the moon is nearly full and in its light  
all the hard outlines of the island, and ships in the water,  
are ever subdued. The sharp corners are gone and it  
looks good. There certainly are a lot of ships in the harbor  
now - it looks almost like the ordinary peacetime  
fleet. Saturday the Boy Home (U.S.) Richard Jones is  
she certainly is a sight to see her lay out in the harbor  
under all the other flat tops and ships. I don't know  
how long it will stay here. I don't know how long it will stay here.

It was great to receive a letter from Bob in  
yesterday's mail. I don't know whether to write him  
at his address there - or send it to you in case he  
may be there soon -? It will be great if he can make it  
in time for Christmas and for Marilyn to come out with  
Helen and Edith.

A package came from Parkside Church - it was  
good of them to send it. I can't figure out the minister  
there for I have written him three times and no  
reply. It is not possible for him to be too busy to answer -  
Ha, maybe if I sent \$5 that would do the trick.

In a few more days it will be Thanksgiving -  
and that always means Richards birthday - Happy  
birthday Rich - there certainly is a great deal to be  
thankful for in conjunction with your day.

I hope we hear something definite soon as to  
our duty out here, so far things have been vague and  
no one seems to know, or at least they are committing  
themselves. The latest we have heard that we should  
be home within four months. While the war was  
in progress it was the policy to relieve these stations  
in 14 months, but V-D day put an end to that.

This time to stop for now - I want to write to  
Janice before going to bed, so good night for now!

Love

Jim

St. Albert, Oct 20

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