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Dearest Mom & Dad. I had a letter from you and it certainly was wonderful to receive them, I am out here in the Iron shock on watch now, and as every thing is operating OK I want to take this time and talk with you. It is a "fall" day here. The very best some folks are burning some trash but it doesn't smell exactly like leaves and grass burning yet it does have a autumn tang to it, and that is good. The sky is overcast and occasionally a few drops of rain find their way down. It is the kind of day that makes one think of Washington and being out at Whaley for the day.

Your telling about Ruth and Bob moving out to work was really a pleasant surprise to me. I do hope that they stop there in C.S. on their way thru, and also that their new church will be as good one for them.

Dad you spoke about getting a church in Cal. What would be OK by me? It certainly would be a swell to get a pastorate in Santa Rosa, San Francisco or a town of that size. Of course they are both in heavy areas - would you would rather be in southern Cal. some where? Would you like to lead but only

you know - since we moved to C.S. I have had a desire to live in a city of that size or near that size.



I don't mean C.S. in particular but rather some town of 35,000 up to 50,000. There is something about a large city that I don't like - I can't describe it except the feeling is there. Everyone seems to be in a hurry, either to work, to home from work or even in their recreation they are hurrying. Being two in the service and at various places has created a desire not to slow down and not being so. There is something in life that can be good if people stop to look for it but so many do not. I noticed that especially in N.Y.C. these people seemed to live only for each day's work and bread. I don't want life to ever become a routine or anything like that. Because of those things I am exceedingly thankful to you folks for what you have shown and taught me. I pray that Janice and I can have as rich a life as is possible.

We are thankful for sending the pictures also the one of Richard. How I wish I could be there with him - he is so great! The new suit is alright - Hurrah for the new tweeds!

Boy, the rumors certainly fly fast here. It is really funny to listen to them all and see the effect they have on different folks - some of it is rather pathetic tho, and sure is stupid as to get a rumor in time to sign up for us. Thanks again for your letters, everything is OK here and I pray that God shall be with you always. Love ever to

had a word. I have been in since one and you give the new news but please a friend at all times. (607-340) J. Albertson 1st Lt