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Dear Folks,

Another week has past, and the first days of winter are almost here. I am sorry that I missed writing yesterday but the day seemed to go by so fast that I was unable to. There has been a lot accomplished here at the station this past week. On Tuesday we mounted the main engine, 50 gallons of green paint, and the painter spraying out fit on the end of the truck and started spraying the grates. I didn't think it would be possible to do more than two of them at the most, but I was wrong for by six that evening all of them were completed. It is a big improvement and certainly adds to the appearance of the station. I am glad we were able to do them all the same day for it takes two to three hours to dismantle the gear and clean the spray and stand up. The last time we sprayed I wore shorts and that was all a result was that it took me about 5 gallons of gasoline and a half hour's scrubbing to get all the paint off, so when I did it yesterday I wore long pants and a long sleeved shirt. They were old so when we finished I threw them away. It would have been impossible to clean the paint off any way. I was out tired person at the end

2491 the day but I had the rest day off any way so it didn't take long to rest up. The next couple of days some of the fellows spent touching up the huts where we missed with the spray - around the door and window frames and etc. Now the sides of the huts are green and the iron shack is white. That finishes the painting for a while - I suppose except that we received orders about a week ago that we are to paint the antennas - oh well it is easy for some Lt. or commander in head quarters to think up stuff like that, but it is always a different picture from this end. It is to be painted orange and white (aircraft warning) after. After we have put red lead on the mts and

and effective the first of November they are to be painted the complement of radio men at these stations. It doesn't affect the R.T.'s but it does mean that three of our fellows are leaving and being sent to two of the stations there. We are to receive one R.M. from Ulithi and another from Focuss Island (off Guam). Both of the new men were on the ship coming out with us so we know them from last year. Yesterday morning I was all set on going to chapel, but we received a message that the merchant A-4 123 (the ship we came over on incidentally) was due into the harbor with some supplies for us.

For our power here we have three diesel generators. One of them went out a week ago and we ordered another from Guam - that was what our "supplies" from the ship turned out to be, a new generator. We borrowed a landing barge from the Navy and went out in the harbor to meet the ship. Boy, they were really in a hurry to get away from here too, for all the time we were unloading her, she was underway and before we reached the docks the ship was already out of sight. She was loaded with the gear for another station to be set up in Japan so that was the reason for the rush.

My, I hope the mail situation would clear up. Going so long with out mail seems understand able, but it has been close to a month since it has come in - and that's not good!

It has been hot here today and all the while I have been thinking how strange it must seem to you when you read about the heat over here. Especially if these letters come in some cold weather there.

You are all ever in my prayers and I know that thru him we are as one. I am increasingly thankful for all that you mean and hope that I am able to live up to your expectations.

Love

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