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Dearest Folks,

This has been another good Sunday and I have been thankful for it in many ways. Also it has been a good ending to an otherwise nice "rough" week.

On Thursday and Friday I experienced my first real tropical typhoon. It came during the night, and 30 minutes after it struck the inside of the quonset was just as wet as the outside, bedding, mattresses and all. We had some extensive trouble or rather damage and for the two days I didn't get much - Ha I mean much sleep. In a lot of ways it was very similar to the hurricane in Delaware a year ago - high winds with quite a bit of rain. Friday evening after the storm had passed over the sky cleared and for the first time the stars seemed close. Usually the atmosphere is quite heavy and the heavens are misty, but on that night I almost thought I was again in the hills and sharing in one of those stary nights. My but I wish it were true!

The only major catastrophe of the storm was a B-29 crashing about 500 yards from us. It was only a ~~bridge~~ tragic accident for it was



loaded with 20 men from here who were returning home for discharge. They had taken off and were half way to the marshalls when they hit the storm so they tried to make it back, but not quite.

Most of the week I have spent in working on some of our equipment here. It seems that a lot of trouble developed and it needed repairing. That is the way it is here tho, we never ~~had~~ have trouble come in small amounts, either every thing is running smooth or else every thing is fouled up and nothing is working as it should. I enjoy it tho for it all seems to help the time go by much faster and that is good. I would much rather spend a full day working than being idle out here. It is too obvious what happens to those who have nothing to do but worry or complain. All the year is working well now so maybe it will remain that way for some time - who knows?

This morning we went to a Army Air Corps Chapel and they had a fine service there. They have fixed a quonset but up building a steeple and cross on it and also fixing a altar inside. It looked nice and the inside helped add to the service. The Chaplain gave a good talk in conjunction with



world communion day. I had a feeling of  
being close to you as I partook of the sacrament.  
I wondered what kind of day you had there  
in Colorado. It was good to be near all of you in  
thought.

During the week I had a chance to go  
down to the other end of the island, and did so. It  
is quite lovely down there, high cliffs over the  
water with grass and some trees on them. They  
are the same cliffs where the Japanese civilians  
committed suicide during the closing days of the  
invasion here.

The mail the past week <sup>hasn't been</sup> ~~hasn't been~~ well - but  
today there was a lot come in, and it was good  
to get the news from home. I hope you have a  
good trip back to Iowa - that is good that you  
are able to get away and I do hope you are  
able to get some rest while gone. Letters from  
Janice are also good and it shall be great to be  
with all of you again. Her school work is becoming  
more interesting and that is good.

Several weeks ago I wrote letters to D. H.,  
Meeley, U of Wash. I asked for their catalogues  
and any information they might have concerning  
Vet's (how I always laugh when I consider my  
self a veteran - sounds funny doesn't it!) and  
the G.I. Bill. So far I have heard from D. H. and



Greely. There certainly was a difference in the two letters: the one from D. U. seemed that who ever sent it just had Form 800 and so and so sent that, while the one from Greely was very personal and they sounded as if they wanted a person to go there. When I come home I want to go to both places and look them over - where ever I go I want to be close to home. All that shall come in the future yet is not too early to start thinking and planning for it.

We learned a little more about our "statis" here yesterday. Now we are 1<sup>st</sup> on the list for being relieved as the Phoenix and Marshall claims were both relieved some time ago. When the relief comes is not known but they say it should be here by the end of the year. At least it is very encouraging and I hope what they say is true (ran out of ink).

Time now to go for I want to get a letter off to Janice before going to bed. Good night now and may God be near you always -

Lots of love

Jim

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V. S. gave a good show this past week,

it was "our vines have tender grapes" - good idea



Monday morning -

Hi again.

Sorry this didn't get in this morning's mail but there were some negatives I wanted to send - some good & some not so good. The ones of the station & vicinity are pretty good also of Sally down on the beach, she is a good dog. Will you have two prints of them made & send them in out - Thanks.

Bye again -

Jim

