

Sunday Morning- April 7th, 1946

Dearest folks,

As I am writing this I am here in the radio shack at the command unit on Guam. It is raining out and along with the rain there is a soggy heat, found in these tropical islands. I didnt realize the difference between Saipan and Guam as far as weather and climate are concerned. The distance in miles is comparitively small but it is made up for in the few degrees difference. Saipan seems very tempezate compared with this island. Here the palm trees are realy beautiful and the undergrouth is quite profuse.

Four of us left Saipan by plane friday afternoon at three oclock and arrived here in tine for evening chow(which was verry good incidently). According to the orriginal plan we were to leave here Saturday morning by Coast Guard plane, arriving at Hawaii on monday. But due to engine trouble that plan fell thru, so i guess it will be four or five days before I leave, and then it will be aboard ship. I was realy disapointed at first, for it put a end to my plans of being home by Easter- that would have meant a great deal, but thats no go now. Janice had planned a great deal on it and it will be a great dissapointment to her i know, however it shouldnt be too much longer before i am back and if she has gone back to Chicago I plan on spending some time there with her anyway.

This has to be short but i did want to let you know how ev ery thing stands and looks for the future. The big thing is that I am on my way back and you know what that means-yea. Bye for now and all my love from.....

4 March 1946

Dearest Folks,

It is Thursday evening here on Saipan - my last Thursday, in fact my last evening on this island - if nothing happens between now and tomorrow. Yes - at least the word has come and it isn't necessary to tell just how I feel - it is wonderful! Tomorrow myself, Ward and Henchey will fly to Saipan for our orders and further transfer to the USA! We are all packed now and all we have to do in the morning is get our pay records from the naval base next door, and arrange for air priority. As there are numerous planes flying between here and Saipan, and few personnel to go, we shouldn't have any trouble in obtaining our transportation down.

If all goes well I should be in the
states with in two weeks, and as
soon as I am and get squared away
I will call Main 1236 - that will be
wonderful.

Its good you cant see me now
for I am pretty excited about it all -
it has been getting coming for some time
but as everything has been unsettled
I havnt said much about it in my
letters. With the typhoon just past,
and the big tidal wave scare we had
it seems like a ideal time to come
here. I havnt mention much about
the tidal wave for I will tell you
about it when I get home - I was
some experience tho.

I certainly do hope I can make it
there for easter - that would mean a
lot. If necessary I may fly from frisco

depending on the amount of time
necessary - or I hope before the 21st. But
when I call home I'll know more about
that and we can talk it over then.

I'm going to cut this a little
short but am sure that you
understand. I want to take a good shower,
wash my hair, shave, and get good
and clean, for I may not be able to shower
and all for some time to come.

Until you hear my call then I
shall say good night, and may God
be near to each of us as we are to
gather in his spirit.

Love to all

Jim

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