

24 FEBRUARY 1946  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

DEAREST FOLKS,

THE WEATHER THIS DAY IS REALY UNUSUAL FOR THIS CLIMATE. THE WIND IS WHISTLING AROUND THE CORNER OF THE HUT AND OCCASIONALLY A RAIN SQUALL HITS. THE THING THAT MAKES IT DIFFERENT THO IS THAT IT IS ALMOST COLD OUT, AND MOST OF THE FELLAS ARE WEARING LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS AND GLAD FOR THEM. IF THIS WAS COLORADO I WOULD BE SURE TO THINK THAT SPRING WAS HERE FOR CERTAIN- THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

I AM ON WATCH NOW AND AM USING THE RADIOMEN'S TYPEWRITTER. A FELLA FROM CHICAGO IS THE SCOPIE ON WATCH WITH ME AND HE IS LISTENING TO THE RADIO WE HAVE SET UP IN THE SCREENED ROOM WITH THE TIMERS. ASIDE FROM THAT EVERY THING IS QUIET HERE AND THE EQUIPMENT IS OPERATING VERY WELL. THERE WAS A LITTLE DIFFICULTY THIS MORNING AND I WAS DELAYED IN GOING TO CHURCH BY TEN MINUTES IN ORDER TO WORK ON IT, BY THE TROUBLE SEEMS TO BE CURED NOW.

THE CHAPLAIN FROM THE NAVY BASE WAS DOWN FOR A WHILE THIS PAST WEEK AND IT WAS GOOD TO TALK WITH HIM FOR A WHILE. I LEARNED THAT HE IS A FORMER MISSIONARY TO JAPAN FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH, AND WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO RETURN TO THAT WORK, EXCEPT FOR MCARTHUR.. HE FEELS THAT THE MISSION FIELD IN JAPAN XD WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR FREE TEACHING AS IT WAS AT ONE TIME. HE THOUGHT THAT THE MILITARY MIGHT AND NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE MISSION WOULD AFFECT THE PEOPLE. SEVERAL TIMES IN HIS SERMONS HE MENTIONS THE POSIBILTY OF STAYING IN THE REGULAR NAVY, SO IT SEEMS THAT HIS PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM LOREN THIS WEEK, AND WAS GLAD TO LEARN HOW HE IS COMING WITH HIS WORK AT STANFORD. HE WILL HAVE HIS REQUIRMENTS FOR PRE MED SCHOOL BY JUNE AND IS ALREADY FILLING APPLICATIONS FOR

SEVERAL SCHOOLS- STANFORD, U OF CAL, COLORADO U, AND A SCHOOL IN ST. LOUIS. I CANT UNDER STAND HIS STATUS IN THE NAVY, THE WAY HE EXPLAIN- ED IT TO ME WAS THAT HE IS PAYING HIS OWN WAY THRU SCHOOL YET HE GOES INTO THE NAVY WHEN HE COMPLETES MED SCHOOL. THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN FIGURE OUT IS THAT HE IS NAVAL RESERVE OR A STATUR SIMULAR TO NAVAL ROTC. IF I WERE HIM I WOULD SEVER CONNECTIONS ENTIRELY WITH THE NAVY, SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO STRINGS ATACHED.

THANKS A LOT MOM FOR GETTING THE ROSES FOR JANICE. IT WAS SWELL OF MR. DETRICK TO PUT THE NIGHT LETTER THRU WHEN HE DID. IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR THAT BOB WILL BE HOME BY THE FRRST OF APRIL- OR EVEN SOONER. WITH ALL THE TROUBLE IN INDIA LATELY I FEEL THAT U.S. WOULD BE WISE IN REMOVING ALL TROUPS FROM ~~XXXX~~ THAT AREA. PERHAPS BY THE FIRST OF APRIL RELIEF WILL BE HERE FOR MYSELF, IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE GREAT IF BOB AND I COULD BE HOME TOGETHER. WE HAVENT HEARD ANØ THING RECENT BUT ARE HOPING. GARDNER, THE LARGE TECH(INCIDENTLY HE WEIGHED HIMSELF AT THE SICK BAY NEXT DOOR AND HE WAS A GOOD 255LBS.) LEFT HERE ON WEDNESDAY, AND FOUR MORE ARE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION SO SOME ØF THE HIGH POINTERS ARE FINALLY GETTING OUT, THE ONLY TROUBLE IS THAT THEYAARE NOT BEING RELIEVED BY AND ØNE SO SOON WE WILL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN IF WE DONOT RECEIVE ANØ NEW MEN.

I WEIGHED MY SELF WHEN WE WENT TO THE SICK BAY FOR OUR SHOTS(TYPHOID AND SMALL POX BOOSTERS) AND I AM UP TO 180 NOW. I LOST WEIGHT WHEN WE FIRST ARRIVED BUT IS TS COMMING BACK NOW, SOON I SHALL BE UP TO 185 WHERE I WAS WHEN I LEFT THE STATES.

IT IS TIME FOR ME TO STOP NOW, AND GET SOME SUPPER. THE THOUGHT OF ALL OF YOU AND THE POSSIBILTY OF BEING THERE WITH YOU SOON IS GREAT. YOU AREEVER IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS, AND I AM THANKFUL THAT WE ARE TOGETHER IN SPIRIT.