

Sunday Evening
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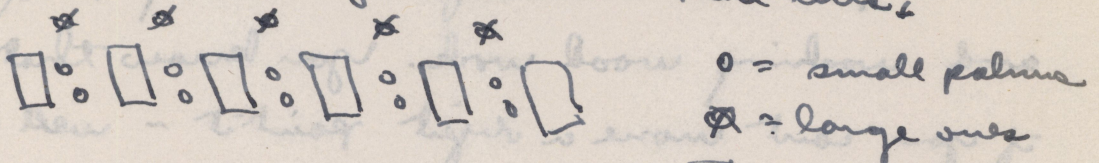
Dearest Folks,

It is hard to believe that another month is almost past - it has already been a month since Christmas. The time continues to pass very rapidly and I am glad because of it.

Monday we had our X-rays taken and as yet do not know the outcome of it. The check up was quick, and as soon as they read the plates our C.O. will be notified. Not many of the fellows here are worried - and the few that are are worried because of excess smoking and no other cause.

The new C.O. has taken a firm hold, and many things here have changed because of it. But most of them are to the good - so that isn't bad. One thing tho - he is a regular so there are two strikes against him already. Boy - the regulars certainly have a mania for swabbing the floors and washing wood work. You know that saying if you cant move a object paint it - well with this guy its "if you cant move it, wash it then

paint it. Ha - he caught me Wednesday. I was walking toward the galley from the loan hut, about 10:00 in the morning to get a drink. Upon being asked what I was doing I said that I was going to get a drink so he politely told me that after the drink I could wash the spare parts cabinet in the loan hut. I did, but he won't catch me again, for after this when he sees me I always shall have a pair of pliers or a screw driver in my hand "On my way to fix the doodad." There is enough work in the loan hut to keep me more than busy in the mornings and that should come first. He's not as bad as I have made him out to be tho - Ha. There is one thing that we are doing that should have been done some time ago - that is landscaping the grounds. We are transplanting palms and placing two small ones between each hut, and a large one at the end of the huts. Like this:



Rather rough, but you get the idea.

altho we wont be here to enjoy the trees there will be fellos here, and the area has needed the improvement for some time. We are also transplanting banana trees along our drive way, about 10 feet apart. Well, to date we have 8 palms and 6 banana trees in, and more to go. About 500 yards behind our place, next to the little hill, there is a low area and a lot of moisture accumulates there. It is quite tropical and it is from that area that we have been getting the trees. Ha - also getting the truck stuck!

The big event of the week was caused by Sally. On thursday morning (very early - 3:30) she woke me by licking my hand. I got up to see what she wanted, and there in the corner of the hut were six very lovely pups. She is very proud of them tho, and is also tempermental about handling them. I am the only one she lets near her, and she has me watch them when she goes out to exercise. Herak and I built a house and filled it with eggs for her. It is just around the corner of the hut, and she likes it a lot.

I doubt if we have any trouble getting rid
of them when the time comes - we will
probably keep at least one male here.

Letters from both Dad and Mom come this
past week and they are swell. Also I received
a letter from Gene, and mail from Janice - so
it has been a good week for mail. Now your letters
bring you so close to me, it's almost as if I were
there in the living room talking with you
rather than you writing them there, and
my reading them here on Saigon. Your
sermon on "How we Religion" was very good
Dad, and it ^{helped} ~~did~~ me alot. How I wish we could
all be sitting together in church, and hearing one
of them - that will be wonderful!

There hasn't been any further word on our
relief, but it will come soon. I must close
now and get some sleep. May Gods love bind
our hearts together and make our purpose one.

I love
you
Jim

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