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Dearest folks

Sorry I didn't get this written yesterday, but the post week, yesterday included, went by so rapidly that I didn't have the chance. This month has seemed to pass by more rapidly than usual and I am glad for that. Altho the time does continue to go by we have still received no further word as to when we shall leave. It is hard waiting at times but it will come soon and when it does the post waiting shall seem small indeed!

The big news came with Gene's letter this past Wednesday - Bob's ship to pull in at Seattle - that's really O.K.!! I imagine that the next few weeks shall be busy and

joyous ones both in wash and
there at home. It is wonderful
that Bob can pull in Seattle and
be with the members of the family
there for a shot while before going
on to C.S.

Janice writes that she definitely
plans on coming home for easter. I
am still hoping to make it by
that date - if I can leave here by
the first of April. It would be
good if things could work out that way -
my fingers are crossed! One thing
we have accomplished here - we have been
O'sess longer than any personal at
loan stations, it's not exactly a
comforting thought but is something
I guess - Ha.

We have spent part of the week in
pouring more cement walks, and also

filling in between the walks
with dirt.

The chapel service this ^{I mean yesterday -} morning
didn't seem to go so well as others
have. Perhaps I wasn't as responsive,
I don't know. The attendance has
dropped off considerably the past few
weeks. It seems strange to me that
the navy carries its officer - enlisted
man, status even to the chapel
services. After the service is over
all hands must stay standing in place
until the captain has ~~left~~ gone then
we are permitted to move! Oh - at times
I get so tired of regulations - regulations
things that are entirely useless and
often harmful. It was interesting
to learn from a fella who just
arrived here from Alameda that
the new boots aren't allowed to talk

with anyone else - for fear they
may find the truth out about the
service.

The weather here has seemed a
little like spring lately - especially
the early mornings when it is fresh
and cool. Are the post flowers out yet?

Sorry that this is so short but
must close for now. Good night to all of
you for now and my love with us
always.

Love
Jim