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SATURDAY AFTERNOON

DEAREST FOLKS,

IT IS ALMOST THE END OF ANOTHER WEEK, AND ALTHO I T ISNT SUN-
DAY I DO WANT TO WRITE AND TALK WITH ALL OF YOU NOW. I AM ON
WATCH HERE IN THE LORAN HUT AND SO FAR THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN RUNN-
ING ALRIGHT. BUT THEN THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN A GOOD ON FOR THE
OPPERATION OF THE LORAN EQUIPMENT AND I HOPE THAT THE LUCK CONTIN-
UES IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE BEEN PRETTY LUCKY THO IN THAT THERE HAS
BEEN COMPARITIVELY LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE EQUIPMENT IN THE TIME
WE HAVE BEEN ON THE AIR. I THINK IT IS SOME THING LIKE 99.25%
TIME ON AIR, AND WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT WE CHANGE TRANSMITTERS
EACH DAY WITH ABOUT .6MIN OFF AIR TO DO IT, THEN OUR RECORD IS
VERY GOOD. I HAVNT REALY SPOKEN A GREAT DEAL OF THIS GERR IN MY
LETTERS, MAINLY BECOUSE IT HAS BEEN RESTRICTED IN THE PAST. THERE
ARE PHASES OF IT THAT ARE BOERING- ESPECIALY WITH THE SCOPIES. TO
BE ON WATCH FOR FOUR HOURS LOOKING AT A GREEN TRACE ACROSS A CATHODE
RAY TUBE ISNT VERY EXCITING, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO PICTURE A PLANE
OR SHIP SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES AWAY DEPENDING ON OUR SIGNALS TO
NAVIGATE. BUT THE FELLAS STAND A CONCIENSIOUS (SP) WATCH AND AS
I SAID ABOVE OUR RECORD HERE IS GOOD. THERE IS OCCASIONAL TALK OF
"FOULING UP THE GEAR" BUT IT IS ONLY TALK AND NOTHING IS MENT BY
IT. NUFF ABOUT THE LORAN FOR NOW....

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JUD LATTA (REMEMBER HIM- MY ROOMATE
AT THE SUTTON IN N.Y.C.) THIS PAST WEEK. THE SHIP HE HAS BEEN ON
COMPLETED ITS TASK IN THE ATLANTIC, AND WAS IN THE PACIFIC FOR
A WHILE. THEY WERE TAKING TROOPS BACK FROM FRANCE FOR SOME TIME,
AND ARE NOW WORKING BETWEEN SEATTLE AND JAPAN. IT WAS GOOD TO
HEAR FROM JUD AND TO LEARN WHAT HE HAS BEEN DOING- HE WAS A GOOD
FRIEND IN NEW YORK AND WE HAD SOME GRAND LIBERTIES TOGETHER.

PERHAPS WE SHALL RUN IN TO EACH OTHER AGAIN.

I RECEIVED WORD THIS WEEK THAT I AM NOW FIRST CLASS- EFFECTIVE THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY, SO I'LL HAVE SOME BACK PAY COMING THIS TIME.

ANOTHER TECH ARRIVED ON THURSDAY AND IN A FEW DAYS HE WILL BE BROKEN IN AND ABLE TO STAND WATCHES. HE'S BEEN IN THE C.G. JUST NINE MONTHS- GOING FROM BOOT CAMP TO GROTON FOR R.T. (OOPS I MEAN E/T/M/ HA) SCHOOL AND THEN TO LORAN TRAINING. HIS COMING MAY MEAN THAT I CAN LEAVE HERE SOONER THAN EXPECTED, AFTER HE GETS THE SWING OF THINGS IM GOING TO SEE THE CO AND SEE WHAT HE THINKS. IF EVERY THING GOES O.K. I SHOULD BE HOME WITH YOU BY EASTER, AND THAT WOULD MEAN A GREAT DEAL. KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED!! MINE ARE.

FROM GENES LETTER IT MAY BE THAT THEY ARE SPENDING THIS WEEK END WITH BOB AND RUTH IN LIND. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF I COULD PULL IN TO SEATTLE (QUITE A FEW OF THE SHIPS FROM HERE DO).

IT WAS A SUPRISE TO HEAR OF MRS. WHALEYS CONDITION. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL FRIENDS OF OUR FAMILYS, AND IT HAS BEEN GREAT TO KNOW AND LOVE THEM. WHEN EVER SOME ONE MENTIONS GREAT CHRISTIANS THE WHALEYS ARE AMONG THE FIRST THAT COME TO MY MIND. I HOPE THAT HER CONDITION ISNT CRITICAL AND THAT SOON SHE WILL BE AS GOOD AS EVER.

HEY BARB- NOW THAT THE PLAY IS OVER HOW ABOUT WRITING YOUR BRO A LETTER? I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL BASKET BALL SEASON IS OVER TO HEAR FROM YOU-HUH RICH? OF COURSE I WOULD LIKE TO BE WRONG, HOW ABOUT IT?

THE WORK HERE AT THE STATION IS STILL GOING FULL STRENGTH- THE LATEST BEING A CEMENT SIDE WALK IN FRONT OF THE HUTS.. THE CO REC-

EIVED THE ISLANDS APPROVAL ON HIS BRING HIS WIFE OUT HERE. THEY ARE OPENING THE ISLAND UP TO CIVILIANS THE FIRST OF APRIL-PENDING THAT QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE. THE NAVY HAS CONSTRUCTED QUONSETS AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET AHOLD OF ONE OF THEM. THEY ARE ALL IN A OLD OFFICERS CLUB AREA, ABOUT FIVE MILES FROM HERE.

I PACKED A BOX OF BOOKS AND SOME EXCESS GEAR AND WILL SEND IT MONDAY, I ENCLOSED SOME SILICA JEL BAGS SO IT SHOULDNT GET TO MUSTY BEFOR REACHING YOU.

THE COOKS CERTAINLY PUT OUT A WONDERFUL MEAL THE OTHER EVENING- IT WAS A GOING A WAY MEAL FOR FOUR OF THE FELLAS WHO RECEIVED THEIR ORDERS. WE HAD STEAK, PEAS, FRENCH FRIED POTATOES AND -- FRESH CORN ON THE COB, SOME THAT THE NATIVES HERE GROW ON THE CIVILIAN FARM AND DISPURSED THRU NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT.

I GUESS I HAVE TALKED ENOUGH FOR NOW, AND AS IT IS TIME FOR THE RELIEF TO COME I SHALL QUIT. YOUR LETTERS ARE SWELL AND THEY MEAN A GREAT DEAL. BYE FOR NOW AND MAY HE BE WITH US- EVERY ONE

H. J. Lane

Jim