

9 MARCH 1946 SATURDAY EVENING

DEAREST FOLKS,

AGAIN I AM WRITING THIS ON SATURDAY RATHER THAN SUNDAY. I HAVE SOME FREE TIME NOW AND WANT TO WRITE, SO I DECIDED TO DO IT RATHER THAN WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW WHEN SOME THING MAY COME ~~NO~~ UP AND PREVENT ME FROM GETTING THIS IN THE MAIL.

I HAVE SPENT THE AFTERNOON WRITING A LONG LETTER TO JANICE; SEVERAL LETTERS CAME IN FROM HER YESTERDAY AND AS IT WAS A GOOD AFTERNOON I WANTED TO TALK WITH HER. HER LETTERS MEAN A LOT AND THRU THEM OUR LOVE CONTINUES TO GROW. IN SOME WAYS I AM GLAD WE HAVE BEEN APART FOR IT HAS GIVEN US SOME THING THAT WE MAY NOT ~~BE~~ HAVE OTHERWISE HAD. THEN ABOUT THREE I TOOK A HOT SHOWER, WASHED MY HAIR, AND SHAVED SO I AM ALL CLEANED UP NOW AND FEEL GOOD. TAKING A SHOWER HAS COME TO MEAN A LOT FOR IT IS ONE OF THE FEW REAL PLEASURES THERE ARE OUT HERE.

THE PAST TWO MONTHS I HAVE BEEN SAVING SOME MONEY I CASE THAT MY ORDERS DID COME THRU I WOULD HAVE SOME AHEAD, BUT THE AMOUNT HAS ACCUMULATED SO I AM SENDING SOME OF ~~XXXX~~ IT IN THIS LETTER. WE WERE PAID YESTERDAY SO I HAVE AROUND A HUNDRED DOLLARS BESIDES WHAT I AM SENDING IN THE MONEY ORDER.

TWO MORE OF THE FELLAS LEFT YESTERDAY, AND THEY CERTAINLY RECEIVED A BRAKE (HA- I MEAN BREAK-THERE). MONDAY A COAST GUARD PLANE STOPPED HERE WITH SOME SUPPLIES FOR US AND ALSO TO HAVE A ~~ENGINE~~ ENGINE CHECK. THEY WERE ENROUTE TO JAPAN ( SOME LORAN STATIONS IN THE NORTH SEA AREA) AND WOULD STOP HERE ON THE WAY BACK TO HAWAII. THE FELLAS I MENTIONED RECEIVED THEIR ORDERS IN THE MORNINGS MAIL AND WERE ON THE PLANE WITH IN THE HOUR. FLYING TO HAWAII WOULD CUT THE TIME DOWN CONSIDERIBLY- ABOUT TEN DAYS I THINK. THE C.G. PLANE IS THE NAVY VERSION OF THE B-24, CALLED THE PRIVATEER I THINK- IS THAT RIGHT RICH?



THE CLIPPING YOU ENCLOSED WAS CERTAINLY APPRECIATED MOM. I TOO SHARE YOUR PRIDE IN BARBARA'S ACHEIVMENTS-NICE GOING BARB! AFTER RAEDING IT I SENT IT ON TO JANICE, AND SHE WILL SAVE IT.

WE HAD A UNUSUAL TREAT FOR SUPPER THIS EVENING- FRESH LEAF LETTUCE. IT CERTAINLY SEEMED GOOD AND THE COOK FIXED IT IN A SALAD WITH SOME FRESH PEPPERS AND MAYONESE SO IT WAS MORE THAN GOOD. THE FRESH STURF WAS GROWN OVER ON TINIAN, A ND ~~XX~~ FLOWN OVER. I IMAGINE THAT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THEY WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE MORE AND MORE FRESH THINGS-NATIVE LABOR AND THE DECREASE IN PERSONAL TO FEED SHOULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

THE LETTERS THAT HAVE COME FROM YOU HAVE BEEN SWELL, IT WILL BE A WONDERFUL FEELING TO CALL YOU ON THE PHONE FROM FRISCO(OR WHERE EVER I MAY COME IN AT) AND SAY I'M COMING HOME. THE TIME I HAVE BEEN GOME SEEMS SO LONG AT TIMES- BUT IT CANT BE TOO MUCH LONGER.

THE WORK HERE CONTINUES IN SPITE OF THE NEW CO. I LEARNED A INTERESTING THING THE OTHER DAY FROM BAXTER- THE CHIEF E.T.M. WHO IS EXECTIVE OFFICER. HE SAID THAT THE CO CAME FROM A WEALTHY FAMILY AND THE MOST WORK HE HAS DONE WAS HIS STUDING AT THE ACADEMY. HE TOLD BAXTER THAT HE WOULD GET OUT OF THE SERVICE EXCEPT HE IS AFRAID OF FINDING A JOB. REGARDLESS OF HOW TRUE IT MAY BE- IT DOES SEEM TO FIT HIM QUITE WELL-HAHA.

I AM THANKFUL FOR ALL THAT YOU MEAN, AND THAT WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN TO ALL OF US. MAY GOD BE NEAR TO ALL OF US IN OUR DECISIONS AND EVERY DAY LIVING. BYE FOR NOW....

*with love from*

*Jim*

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