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Thursday

Photo Lab.

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mom and Dad,

Hi there and how are you folks getting along today? I sure hope you two are well and feeling fine. I am and not a sore spot on me. Payday tomorrow and I have the long weekend off. Nothing to do but loaf around. I don't think that I will do anything of excitement as I'm sort of bored with San Diego. Not a darn thing to do but go to the movies and beer halls. I take in the movies now and then, most of the time in fact, but I don't participate in drinking all of San Diego's beer.

No letter today. Still waiting on the camera I suppose. I hope that you have it by now. You ought to have it before I leave for Pearl Harbor. You should have it by this weekend. I expect to mail the clothes home this weekend if I feel like it, and if I don't I'll mail them on Tuesday the 3rd of May. I don't know what to do most of the time as I sort of liked to have missed this cruise. Gets boring and tired just going out and seeing the same old thing time after time. Well, after this cruise I'll be a short timer and nothing to do but put in the rest of my time. I may go and shoot a bundle of pictures this Sunday or play golf if I feel like it. If it's nice, I'll go out and play golf as it's relaxing and I enjoy it anyway.

How is everyone getting along here in Munhall? Hope that there isn't too much excitement going on here in Munhall. Not much going on here in the lab except that they are painting. Always much confusion here in the lab when they paint. Never any co-operation among the first classes and chiefs. We seconds and thirds don't fight like they do and the result of it is that we lower rated Petty Officers get all the shit to take. Please excuse the French.

Well, I'm going to go on the beach this afternoon and maybe play a little golf. Going to have to get the whites all set for Pearl Harbor. I'll have to send them to the laundry so they will get a half way decent start on the cruise. They will last me this cruise and I'll not wear them anymore after this cruise.

It's cloudy today and hardly any sunshine at all. I may shoot nine holes if I feel like it. Maybe I'll see something of interest and shoot a couple of pictures for myself. Hope that you aren't mad at me for not writing as often as I don't feel like it at times. Maybe it's because I don't want to make this next cruise. Most of the time there isn't anything of interest to me as I've either seen it or I've been there. Most of the time is loafed away or I'll be sleeping or eating. I'm sure going to make up for the lost time this cruise as I'll get plenty of rest and lots to eat. No flight quarter stations for me this time as I'll be in the Lab storeroom most of the time. I'll read and goof off most of the time. Sure is uncomfortable trying to sleep in a straight back chair. Ha Ha.

Well, nothing to do this afternoon but I am not going to stay on the ship this afternoon. I'll go to the USO if nothing else. Maybe I'll find something to do to while away the rest of the day. Well, so long for now as I'm going to get ready for liberty as it will be time to go shortly. So long for now,

Your loving son,

Bobbie