

7 May 1955

At Sea

Enroute Hawaii

Dear Mom and Dad,

Hi there and how are you two today? Hope that you two are in good health and feeling fine. I'm fine except for a few shots that I got today. I got five of them this morning. Wow, tetanus, typhoid, cholera, influenza and a vaccination. Sure hit us like a ton of lead. Not too bad but I sure know that I got them. Been real nice so far and not too bad sailing out here. We are only about half way over to Hawaii now. I expect to arrive on Tuesday the 10th. Will have plenty of mail for you and Dad and will expect lots of mail to be there for me to answer to you two.

I'm looking forward to the box that you said that you would send to me. Sorry that I didn't get the Mother's Day card sent but I just forgot all about it after I talked to you and Dad. It sure made me feel lots better to talk to you folks and Aunt Belle and Uncle Jack. I don't think that Aunt Belle cried this time as she didn't sound like it over the telephone. I'm certainly glad that she didn't as I guess I would have filled up also... Ha Ha.

I'm enjoying the trip so get busy with the mail and I'll keep it coming from this end of the ocean. Nothing much to say at present time but I sure could go on for hours at a time. I haven't eaten noon chow yet, but will do so in about five or ten minutes. I hope you and Dad are in good health and taking it easy. Hope that Dad has been lively as far as the fishing goes. Hope he catches some nice ones to take a few pictures of them so that I can see for real. Ha Ha. I'll send a slide that Burwell shot of me and it's without a smile so you'll have to excuse me as I must have been thinking?

Ha. Ha., me thinking. Some joke isn't it? I don't think so as I can at times. Of course, some of the people I know wouldn't give you credit on anything even if you deserved it one way or another.

Hope that Grandma and Mabel are in good health and taking things easy. I sure can't wait until we start back to the States after this cruise. Hope I can get over these shots by sundown as they sure are raising heck with me. The one in the left arm sure is a piperoo. WOWOWOWOWOW!! Sure is a Lu Lu. I hope I don't get many more this cruise.

I'm going to start on my plane this evening if I can get the Ektachrome done up. Going to mix the chemicals this afternoon and then do it tonight. I shot about three rolls of it and will process it and send it home in one of the letters that I write occasionally. Ha Ha. I write more than you and Dad put together. Well, I have more time to write than you and Dad has. I hope you and Dad just keep up the writing. I'll be sure and answer the letters that you two write.

Well, I'm going to chow now and see what kind of chow they have. More later on this evening if I can get back to the typewriter. I'll do more later. I got two rolls of Ektachrome done last night and one roll of B & W this evening. I'm not going to write much more. Feel fine and arrive in Pearl in the morning. Hope you are well and taking good care of each other. So long for now. Please don't get mad at the short letter as I have to mail it before ten tonight. This was started a day or so ago. So long and be good to each other.

Your loving son,

Bob