

Hi Mom,

Here it is the 20th of the month almost, it's about ten thirty in the night and I have the duty tonight and will write at least two letters before turning in to hit the sack. I'll finish this one and then write one to Dad. I haven't had any mail at all this week.

Guess what, the nail on my little finger has come off and it looks like heck underneath all the dried up blood. It started to itch and I just pulled the nail off and it looks like heck. Wow, it didn't even hurt one bit, but I'm afraid to pull the other one off as it has a little bit of live skin under the nail. I'll just let it fall off and then let it take its course. I've got a piece of tape over the other one that I took off.

Well how are you and Dad behaving by now. I'll still haven't received the camera yet. I'll probably receive it this week as we will be in from Friday until we leave the states. Not long to go now and then I'll be off on another cruise to the far east. Then home for the duration. I hope you will like the dishes I get for you as I'm for sure going to get them the first time in Japan as I'm not waiting. I'll get Nartaki or was it Narumi that you said you wanted. I'll get them first and mail them to you. Of course, they're packed like nobody's business.

I guess you and Dad are looking forward to the trip west next or I should say this next summer. Sure will be nice to drive home from California. Wow!, I sure have plans for then.

I go up for PH2 in AUGUST. I have been recommended by the Photo Officer and so has Wilkins. Sure is nice to know that you are of some importance in a lab like this. Wilkins and myself are the only two going up for PH2 and one fellow for PH1, which just came on the ship about a month ago. Sure hope that I make the grade. I have to sleep in the lab tonight so I'll not get much sleep as I can't sleep on the darned bunk here. It's harder than all get out.

Hey, I almost forgot to ask you. Have you gotten over your illness? Gee, when I read that you had been ill just after I called you and Dad I couldn't in the world figure out how come you

didn't say anything about it. Sure had me puzzled for a while. I hope you are well now and feeling much better since I had the letter from Dad telling me about your being sick. You'd better take better care of yourself and be a good girl. Ha Ha. I know you will or Dad's dandruff will stand up.

Well, how is Grandma Richey and Pop getting along? I hope Grandma Caldwell doesn't get mad at me for not dropping her a letter once in a while. I wrote on to her about two weeks ago I think and I don't know whether or not she has received it. Well, I hope you and Dad (Tiny too) are in good health and taking good care of yourselves.

Hi there, another page, wow! All in one night too. Ha Ha. I have about four 12" records on Burwell's record player and they all have four songs on each side. They are 33 1/3 RPM and with five records, they last over 2½ hours. Sure are good. Here are some of the names of the records.

#1 BEETHOVEN: Symphony No. 5 in C Minor, Op. 67

Egmont Overture, Op. 84

Coriolan Overture, Op. 62

Overture "Leonore, No. 3, Op. 72a"

#2 POPULAR ORCHESTRAL FAVORITES

Finlandia

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1

Invitation to the Dance

Fingal's Cave Overture

The Jewels of the Madonna: Intermezzi to Acts II & III

#3 DIE FLEDERMAUS or "The Flying Mouse"

(German) by Johann Strauss, Jr.

#4 SWAN LAKE by Tchaikovsky

They are very good and I like them. Ask Aunt Belle and Uncle Jack about these records and they'll tell you all about them as they have seen some of the operas and listen to some of these once in a while. Of course, I have lots of popular Jazz and etc. You know I wouldn't be without some hot stuff. Ha Ha. Lots of hit tunes also. Really enjoy listening to good records and my old favorite. The GAY NINETY'S record that I have had since we left the states last May. Well I guess that about sums up the records doesn't it? I think so don't you.

Hey Pop, I haven't printed the negs yet as we have been very busy with running tests on the new Photo Squadron. Pretty busy as we sleep when we aren't working. More on next page.

Hey Mom, what kind of souvenir for you from Hawaii and not a grass skirt. Ha Ha. Just say and I'll get you something when we are there. We are supposed to be there for about three weeks I think. I've still got fifty bucks left from the 15th of Payday. Just think five days from payday and I still have \$50.00 left over. Wow! Some sort of record for me isn't it? Ha Ha. Well Ma, I think that I will close this letter and see if I can get one for Dad before I get tired and decide to turn in and sleep until six. Take care of yourself and be good for me and Dad.

So long for now.

Your loving son,

Bobby