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Wednesday

1130 PM

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mom,

Hi there and how are you today? Fine I hope you aren't ill from your back or any thing like that. I haven't had but two letters from you in quite some time. You had better get hot on the letters or I'll just have to stop writing to you. Ha Ha. I hope you don't get peeved at this letter as I only do it to kid you a little. You write very nice letters to me and I have lots of fun enjoying reading them.

I'm going on the beach this afternoon as they are going to paint the lab spaces and only the duty section will be on the ship and I don't have to do any painting at all and I don't do any anyway. I'm storekeeper now and all I have to do is take care of the stores and supply end of the lab. Sure is a darn good job. I like it and I have more time to take it easy than I did have before. I met the new Photo Officer and new chief we got now. The photo officer is a nice guy and so is the chief. I think this Photo Officer will be better than the last one we had. I think this one will stick up for his men. I sure hope so as he seems like a pretty nice guy. Sure hope he is and I don't think he will sweat it like this last one we had. Well, how are you getting along at the store? Sure hope you're not overworking like you usually do. You hadn't wear yourself out or I'll get mighty sore. Well, how about the razor I mentioned to you. I can't locate any here in San Diego or in the ship's service. It's like uncle Howard's. The name of it is "Norelco". I think that's the proper name of it and you let me know just as soon as you hear about it.

Well here I am once again over in town and I didn't have time to finish this letter on the ship as I wanted to go on the beach and take in a movie. I just got out and I am in the USO trying to finish this letter up before I get bored with the town and go back to the ship. It's not even seven o'clock in the evening and daylight savings time already and I don't know what to do with myself since I haven't been out playing golf. I'll just have to buy a set of clubs as I had to turn the ones that I borrowed from the ship back in this morning.

Saw a good movie and it was “MAN WITHOUT A STAR” Kirk Douglas and Jeanne Crain played in it and certainly was a darn good movie for my money and that was 65¢ worth. Ha Ha. I’ll call Saturday or Sunday night as payday on Saturday and I’ll be loaded. I am not broke now or will be by payday and I thought that I would call then or if I don’t or something comes up, I’ll call before I leave the States.

I hope you and Dad will save some dough for next summer as I’ll be here this time next year. I received the camera as you already know and sent Dad’s off in the mail already and insured it for two hundred and fifty dollars. Also sent it by registered mail so Dad will be able to pick it up. I’m sending the receipt that I got when I mailed it here in San Diego.

Well, what’s new with you folks since I left home in December? Sure hope you are both well and taking care of yourselves. I’m fine and in good health and nothing to do except wait until we leave the States. I have duty tomorrow and will be on the ship till Friday or Saturday morning. Then after payday I think that I will go out and play golf. I’ll send the money so that you can collect for the clothes as they will arrive C.O.D. I hope you don’t mind my sending them that way as I feel sure they will arrive alright. Hey how about some more mail as I sure would like to hear from you and Dad.

How is grandma Caldwell and Mabel getting along since I last saw them? I hope they are well and in the best of health and taking care of themselves. I’ll drop them a letter before I leave the States. I still don’t know what to do and I don’t want to go back to the ship early as the lab is closed except for the duty section painting and I don’t want to become involved in painting when I don’t have to. Ha Ha.

Gee, this typewriter sure is the berries as it doesn’t evenly space the lines or back space like a good one ought to do. Well, you can’t expect miracles from a thin dime can you? Ha Ha. I will be looking forward to the box that you said you will send to me and I hope that you and Dad aren’t mad at me for not sending the shoes as I have them in my locker here in the locker club but just haven’t gotten around to mailing them. Will do so on Saturday. The clothes will leave Saturday or Sunday at the latest.

Well Mom, I can't think of my usual writing feeling so I'll close hoping this letter arrives with the sun in the morning. So long for now and be good to yourself and Dad. I'll write often as I can then you will have lots of letters to answer me. So long and take care of yourselves. Good night and be good. Get Dad to take a good picture of you and one of himself.

Your loving son,

Bobby.

P. S. You can use the extra paper for a letter for me. Ha Ha.

Love,

Bobby

[Letter includes 2 blank pages and a photograph of a woman]