

RPF to Parents - February 7, 1945

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Somewhere in Marianas

Dearest Dad and Mom -

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Thanks ever so much for your letters. I got Dad's #2 and Mother's #1 yesterday. Thanks for sending the magazines and articles. Of course I haven't gotten the magazines yet.

There is nothing new. We are more or less settled now in our crowded tents. We made washing machines, fox holes, desks, chairs etc. So it's fairly comfortable as far as conditions permit. I am well and have never felt better in my life.

This island has almost as beautiful as Cat Cay - the vegetation is about the same, so is the weather. Of course, this is quite a bit larger than Cat Cay. There are no palm trees, some Philippine fir, but predominately (some) shrubs that no one seems to know the name of. There is a lot of sugar cane, some cotton and a few old trees that had been imported from Japan. This island has been in Japanese hands since the last war. There were mostly Korean laborers here. There is hardly a house or a building standing that was Japanese on this island. They secured it in three days so you can imagine the terrific bombardment there was. The Koreans and Japanese here are very well treated - they are on labor gangs but they get paid more than they ever have before.

I saw Bud Coffin in the movies in some short with Bob Burns since I've been out here. We go to the movies every night. The weather has been very good lately - it hasn't rained for days, but we did have quite a spell of rain when we first got here. It gets very hot from about 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., but then it is very nice and cool. We sleep under blankets every night. The hottest it has ever been (here) was 87° and the coolest 65° which is very temperate. However, the humidity is high.

Everything is really fine - now we are just sweating out getting home, I hope we can wind up this war for good very shortly. It looks a lot better since the Russians are going, and also Manila. We get news pretty readily here, by radio and any wires from the states.

All my love to all of you, there is not much news. Everything is fine. All my love always, and best of luck to all of you.

Your loving son
Pete.