

Saturday 18 October

Dear Folks,

I enjoyed your letter ever so much, and it came through quite quickly, having been mailed on the 7th. I got it yesterday when we got back in here. The departure of the clipper was just moved up a day so that this is going to have to be a rather hurried letter. I suppose they are trying to get the clippers back on schedule. Right now the one that is here is leading the group of three that arrive within a few days of each other. Then there is about an eight day wait until the next one.

I guess that you as well as most everone is wondering what is going to come out of the Jap cabinet shaeup and the torpedoing of the Kearny. The skipper of the Kearny is Danis, the lighter than air man who used to live up the hill from us at Dream's Landing and who taught meteorology at the PG school. I suppose the papers will start a big indignation campaign over it, although it looks like the natural result of having those ships out there to me. We are still resting quite comfortably here. I suppose that a lot of merchantmen are going to collect here for awhile and then go on again after this crisis blows over. There have been so many of them out here that those around here refuse to get very much worked up over it until it really gets serious. Newspapers and commentators are just the same though, and there are a lot of headlines flying around.

I am glad that Aunt Minnie has been having a pleasant time. I know how much it means to both of you to be able to be together, and hope that it will be a long visit. I was very glad to have your report on Frances and Larry. I know that they enjoyed seeing you.

I got another radio today, or rather yesterday. This one is a Sears Roebuck model which I think will be all right. I haven't reached the point yet where I enjoy the Oriental music, but there are enough programs in English to make it interesting.

They are looking for a new Skipper for the Tutuila up in Chungking, either a Lt. Comdr or a Lieut. I didn't volunteer for it although I think a little while up there would be most interesting. At least there would be a change in the weather which would be pleasant. Its a funny thing, but it seems that as long as I can a lot of exercise I don't feel tired, but if I start just lying around I feel too tired to do anything. Everbody says that it is the best thing to get a lot of exercise and I agree with them.

I've spent some time talking to a boy nam d Patty on here. He is out of the class of about '37, and is from Shaw, Miss. It is over in the delta, he says that he is a neighbor of the author Percy.

I got started on my Christmas shopping yesterday, although it is pretty difficult to find much of anything around here that is worth anything and that did not come out from the States.

I guess that by now your heat wave is over and really cool weather is setting in.

I am going to mail a little dress which I would appreciate your holding for Sarah until the youngster arrives. It isn't much, but I wanted to send something.

Devotedly
Robert

VIA CLIPPER



VIA AIR MAIL

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