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Dear Mom, Pop, and brats;

Well, it's me again. Yesterday was the 4th but it was pretty quiet. I'm sitting in the radio shack listening with the earphones on. There's a program called "Radio Tokyo" that we get every nite that's pretty good. Good prop-aganda and give. "Tokyo Rose" usually tells us how all the girls are running with the 4F's while us suckers are out here. Aint it that nuth. Not the sunber part. They are finding that out themselves.

I've got a jap navy uniform for you, reefer. It's not a dress, just a working uniform but it has the insignia on the collar and the sleeve has jap stencil. I will send it first chance I get.

I got your letter, now, and the woman's. I haven't yet received the books or packages but it takes some time. I got Aunt Agnes box of candy just before we left Cincinatti. Please thank her and Jessie, Sarah, and the rest in advance.

I got that uniform from a jap landing craft. By the way I didn't tell you the bo' in + I captured a ~~small~~ jap vessel by ourselves, did I. Before it comes out in 3 inch print in the Beverly Banner I'd better tell you it was a small sail boat with nothing in it. We went after it in our dinghy. We're thinking about putting an extra star on our campaign bar.

The japs have come out from time to time it might in small boats and shut up a few guys on different ships before they were wiped out. It was daytime & we were pretty sure it was empty so we took a carbine with us & shot it full of holes, took it in tow, and tied it to our fantail. We got rid of it. I was thinking about bringing it home and charging the kids a dime a ride.

I've already told you about Pancho, Mom, so I guess it is best to drop the subject. I want to forget but it doesn't help things to keep thinking about. I hope in the not too distant future someone pays for it. Nothing too bad for those b-----.

So Tony Valenti was home. I'd like to see that goofy wop again. I hope he gets sent out here to relieve me. Wow, if I could stick him with this I bet he'd be gunning for me. All kidding aside, it ain't bad at all out here. "Radio Today" is on now. Horace Heidt is now playing "South of the Border". As I was saying it ain't bad out here. I was pretty fed up when we were lying at anchor in Kwajalein but things had to come to a focus. If it weren't for Pancho everything would be swell. I miss seeing him in their con and bullshitting back and forth with semaphore. We sure would have a lot to talk about. Another guy on their ship I know pretty well died a day later. He is in that picture from Mexico. In fact there isn't much I do that don't remind me of the little guy. We used to get together on our logs and charts, etc. Well, that's all gone now. I sure feel sorry for his folks.

"Stardust" by Artie Shaw is on now. These programs are supposed to ruin our morale but they sure help mine. They bring back memories. I guess

that's there purpose but all it does is make us want
to kick the hell out of these guys who took us away
and get back all the sooner.

I see Frankie Hayes + Buck Newsom are in
the dream game + Kenny Ruffenberger from
the Phillis. Hayes sure made a come back. Last
I heard he was leading the league in RBI.
As soon as mail starts coming in regular I guess
I'll get lots of ball news from you.

I will answer your letter soon, woman. I am
looking forward to getting that letter you sent, Pop.

Well, I'm running short of words. I can
sum everything up by saying I am healthy and
happy and hope you are all the same. Give my
love to the Maloy, Aunt Carrie, Aunt Agnes, the
Uncles, Moser + all the rest. Write often.

All my love + kisses,

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