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Dear Mom, Pop, and brats,

Well, it's me again. Still on my vacation in the beautiful Pacific Islands - lah! From now on I'll be content to see them in movies, no Dotter's honour or nothin'. We haven't got any mail for so damn long I'm beginning to think they've forgotten we're out here. I'm expecting a plane over anyday now asking if they have a guy named Ulmer wound here so they can get rid of all their mail.

Speaking of mail remember that girl I was telling you about from near L.A.? Well, she never wrote. Promised faithfully to write everyday, too. I've lost all faith in women. How goes everything around the old burg. Things are popping out here. Get it - joke, heh! heh! It's the damndest thing we can send mail but they never get any. Think I'll write to S.P.R. soon as I get through this.

I wish those books you sent would come. I'd sure like to read something I haven't read a dozen times. We get a newspaper from one of the big ships everyday so that's a help. And we get the ball scores every day. About the best entertainment out here is "Radio Tokyo". The programs from the states are usually pretty lousy. Victor fight Opera and news commentators always saying "And that's how the news looks from here". This "Radio Tokyo" is hot stuff. Good propoganda, jive, etc. "Tokyo Rose" is really good. She bids us about things back home. Asks if we remember back in '41 when

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we were sitting in juke joints, drinking colas, and putting our nickel in the juke box to hear this and then she plays a good record. You'd die laughing at some of the propaganda comes over. Almost as good as a comedian. They sure run the lines down. Most of their talk has changed to the war in Europe since they are taking it on the chin out here.

See I sure would like to have a liberty in ~~Peperly~~ tonight. Never realized that town had so much ~~until~~ until I left it. It's sure going to be a great day when that old gang gets back. By the way I haven't received the 'Banner' since we left the east coast. Never read it much when we were there but I'd like to get some now. Did you hear how Eagle made out. I'd write to all those guys but you know how I am about writing letters so it's best to wait until I see 'em. If you happen to get the number of any of their ships send them + I'll be on the lookout for them.

The best part about standing signal watch is that we get acquainted with the signal gang on different ships shooting the breeze back + forth. We always get invites to their movies etc. Of course we have blackouts every night now + that does away with that but we can always get boats for their church services. Our signal gang is chummy with DE's, aircraft tenders, one of our biggest aircraft carriers whose name I can't write, and lots of smaller ships. We're about the only LCI that does it because it is OK by our captain. It really pays off, too. I went to church this morning and received communion. So did Frank. Well, I guess that's about all I can think of. Anyway I've got the mid watch tonight.

Give my love to everyone ^{III} back home. Write
often. I close hoping you're all fine and hoping
to hear from you soon. Good night.

All my love + kisses

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