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DEAR FOLKS:

WELL I HAVE BAD NEWS FOR YOU THIS TIME; WE JUST MISSED GOING HOME TODAY AT ONE OCLOCK BY ABOUT FIFTY MEN. WE GOT IN HERE JUST A LITTLE BIT TOO LATE TO LEAVE ON THE SHIP THAT LEFT TODAY. SOME OF THE FELLOWS THAT CAME DOWN FROM MILITARY GOVERNMENT LEFT ON THE SHIP TODAY BUT ABOUT HALF OF US JUST MISSED IT. MOST OF THE FELLOWS WHO LEFT ON THE SHIP DIDNT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS FOR DISCHARGE BUT THEY GOT DOWN TO THE REC STA FIRST SO THEY LEFT FIRST. I AM PRETTY SAD ABOUT THE WHOLE THING BUT THERE IS NO THING THAT I CAN DO ABOUT IT NOW, I GUESS.

I MET A BOY NAMED MUCKLE-ROY FROM NACODOCHES WITH WHOM I JOINED THE NAVY. HE WENT THROUGH ARM SCHOOL AND WAS OUT HERE ON AN AIRPLANE. HE DIDNT HAVE ENOUGH POINTS FOR DISCHARGE BUT THEY LET HIM GO ANYWAY. HE LEFT ON THE SHIP THAT LEFT TODAY. THAT SHIP WILL REACH CALIF ON THE 6 OF JUNE, WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD TIME. THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 300 OF US WHO DIDNT GET ON IT AND ARE WAITING FOR A SHIP TO GO HOME ON. A SHIP THE " TYPHOON " IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN TODAY AND LEAVE NEXT WEDNESDAY, BUT IT IS A SLOW SHIP AND WILL TAKE 18 DAYS TO GET TO THE WEST COAST AND THATS A LONG TIME. I GUESS THAT I AM JUST UNLUCKY. I AM PRETTY SAD ABOUT THE WHOLE THING BUT I GUESS THAT THERES NOTHING THAT I CAN DO ABOUT THE WHOLE THING BUT WAIT AND TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT.

I AM LIVING IN A TENT WITH NO FLOOR AND NO SIDES WITH ABOUT 30 OTHER FELLOWS; THERE IS ABOUT 4 INCHES BETWEEN THE SACKS. I HAD TO PICK UP GARAGE THIS MORNING BUT THEY NEEDED SOME HELP ON THEIR TELETYPE HERE SO I AM WORKING IN THIS OFFICE NOW. IT HAS SOME ADVANTAGES AS I WILL BE ABLE TO EAT EARLY CHOW AND NOT HAVE TO WAIT IN THE EARLY LONG CHOW LINE. I ALSO WONT HAVE TO DO ANY MORE DIRTY JOBS.

WE ARNT CERTAIN THAT THE TYPHOON WILL COME IN ON TIME BUT THAT WOULD REALLY BE A LOW BLOW IF IT DIDNT.

I WILL PROBABLY GET TO THE WEST COAST ABOUT THE 18 OF JUNE AND IT WILL TAKE ABOUT A WEEK TO BE DISCHARGED AND IF THIS RAIL STRIKE DOESNT CLEAR UP I MAY HAVE TO LIVE THERE A LONG TIME BEFORE I CAN GET HOME.

AS YOU CAN SEE ALL THE NEWS IS BAD FROM MY POINT OF VIEW. NOTHING MUCH ELSE TO WRITE ABOUT EXCEPT THAT I AM STILL WITH MY TWO BUDDIES THAT HAVE BEEN WITH ME ALL THE TIME..

LOVE AND LUCK
FRANK