



Philippines  
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AMERICAN RED CROSS 1 Mar.

Dearest Sister!

I rec'd your letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> of  
yest. was very glad to get it.  
Well I hope you had a big Xmas  
and was up home a day or so.  
I'm having a better Xmas than I  
ever expected. The Red Cross gave  
all of us a box. It contained two  
Phi Cigs, gum, picture holder, candy  
address book, and a revolving book.  
I was also at a little Xmas party  
and got coffee and donuts etc from  
the Red Cross. They really are helpful.  
We have fresh turkey for dinner  
also 3 cans of Beer of course the Beer  
will be hot but it was in our  
shines.

I went to church this morning. I  
wondered if you and Mom went.  
It's the first chance we had since  
I've been here to go.

Love, this morning, a Filipino Boy.

FORM 539A



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Higgins and I went to look for Bowman  
so he had a water Buffalo. Higgins  
and I made him. <sup>to</sup> I would like to have  
had a picture of us.

I imagine will begin to have a picture  
show since in a while soon. Nothing much  
happening here but air raids. They seem  
hit close by here. I saw a gas plane  
I hit down last night. They shoot a lot  
down here. The papers are pretty straight  
on the news around here.

I have gotten mail times times since I  
got here but no packages. We should get  
them any time. We never get my watch even.  
It's still hanging up just here and it really  
looks good after so much rain.

I told you about seeing Bert Remembrance  
Didn't I? he's a Lt. Col. now.

Three of us boys traded a Filipino and  
of a chicken yet. we ate fried it and made  
thru. It was really good. There quite a  
few chickens around. but hard to get.

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(Dad says I'm glad to be home.)  
 Dad never seems allowed yet but should soon.  
 I got your Xmas card and a letter from  
 Ma and also Ruth Thompson. I was sur-  
 prised to hear from Ruth, I also got  
 them yesterday.

Are you and V.E. are figuring on buying  
 the house you already live in? I don't  
 believe I would build either until after  
 the war. About my building a house now.  
 It was just one of my wild ideas. I  
 think it's many the little Foster girl  
 though. She really cuts ~~no~~

It sure surprised me about going  
 his physical. He probably get a discharge  
 soon. It's old Helen and the rest were  
 surprised.

I read your letter over and noticed  
 that you had already bought the house.  
 We're getting several different supplies now  
 but no tobacco. We get supplies faster  
 as long as we're in a combat zone.  
 We'll probably get paid for now and Dec  
 the first of the year. I'll probably send  
 another money order then.

Tell Duke I left out \$100 I'm such a hurry  
 that I didn't have time to send him a money order  
 and haven't had time here. I'll send him one  
 soon. I'll bet V.E. is busy looking for a place to go  
 and soon. I sure hope Duke didn't offend me at all.

San Diego, Calif,  
Monday Night

My Dear Mother's All,

Well; here I am mon  
night at old Calif. Don't  
know how long we will have  
to wait here, may be out of  
here by Thursday and may be 7 or  
8 days. we got here at noon  
yesterday, came on the  
H.P. #118/the Herby it is a troop  
transport and was 2300 of us  
on it - made good time and  
good weather all the way,  
which was a good thing for  
we were so crowded on the  
ships. It looks impossible to  
get out of this outfit for  
year, but I hope to be in  
Great Lake and spend the  
holidays with maie, they  
may get us out for year  
but I don't see how. oh well  
I'm in the States anyway.

How are yr all. Love D

hope. I've taken a cold since we got here but not bad, not used to this cold weather too; what will I do when I get where it is cold? stay in the house I guess. I started to telegram you mom but thought best not to as there is no way to get it too you - I sent Marie one so you will know I got here o.k. There are so many of us out here now and the immigration they say. It is really disgusting but will just have to be patient I guess the day will soon roll around that we will get on that last stretch home for Discharge. "oh! happy day"

They have really worked us since we're here here too, loading and unloading baggage. Cleaning up this

place and all. we are at the  
Diego Repair base. It is  
really a pretty place, "even  
if the Navy does run it,"  
all concrete roads, and nice big  
buildings, beats the P. H.,  
mod.

I'm pretty tired and  
sleepy now so I had best  
hit the hay. Tell all Hello  
for me and I hope to see  
you all real soon.

Love & kisses to all  
Your own Son & Brother  
Marshall