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Dear Folks,

I was glad to learn today that you finally received my letter after the storm and that you know that I am allright. WE have just gotten settled in our new place . It is really a nice place, but , of course we are all anxious to go home and we feel that we are being kept here for political reasons . we wonder what happened to all those ships that brought us over here Even the men with enough points are not being taken home. There is no work being done here on this Island by any military organization. It is my opinion that the only protection we can look forward to in the future is in the air, but , apparently the gold braid doesn't think so since they have completely stopped training air cadets ^{in army} and the navy has greatly reduced their program. ~~THE~~ POINTS IN THE Army and Navy are lower for pilots than any one else and nearly every airplane has left this place, not for Japan but for home. The Army and Navy want A large standing army and navy. Apparently that is all they are going to do, stand. I think that they would get a lot more volunteers if they would train ~~these~~ these men as pilots, radio , radar electricity . etc. The peace time army and navy have heretofore given very little specialists training. Most of the training before has been on... how to drill, how to pick up match sticks., how to swab decks etc. I don't see how a man can be expected to protect his country if all he knows is how to swab a deck . I believe that they should have compulsory military training , but I think that they should BE sent to a school that will help them protect their country , if needed, and will benefit them as civilians.

I always enjoy the letters and sports pages that you send me, and also the news about the church and about people I know.

Love FRANK

P. S. I can't blame the bad writing on the typewriter as it's a brand new RAND