

U.S. ARMY

Tuesday
September 2, 1941
5 days out of S.F.

Dear folks,

Well here I am on the boat headed for P.I. We pulled out of S.F. Thursday evening about 9 P.M. We are expecting to be in Honolulu tomorrow morning about eight.

I have a stateroom with another lieutenant from Texas. The food on the boat is excellent. We get our choice of everything under the sun & all we want of it. The mess costs \$1.25 per day, but I am police officer on the boat, so I don't have to pay.

There are no women of any sort on the boat. —

We are carrying a heavy load. We have over 100 big army trucks & more men than there is room for.

It is very hot on board & they

say it will be much hotter after we leave Hawaii. The boat intends to stop in Honolulu about 12 hours.

I can see from this trip that in the P. I. I will have to change uniforms about twice a day. I'll probably have to buy about 15 all together.

Plenty of time for resting in between duties & will be glad to get on land. The boats big & the water has been pretty calm, so one can hardly know he's afloat.

They have special lightweight airmail paper they use when sending airmail letters to the States, I haven't gotten any yet, & won't have much time to write in Hawaii, so will probably send the letters by ordinary mail. It isn't so bad from Hawaii as the P. I.

If my letters aren't long, you will know it is because of the great expense.

We have black-outs every nite on the boat. Also we are traveling on a course about 50 miles off of the regular course.

We have a radio, but it is silenced all during the trip & will only be used for an S.O.S. No one knows our location, not even the army or navy in Hawaii or the Philippines.

At the present we have a convoy of several navy destroyers on each side of us.

I don't know whether I mentioned it in the last letter, but our plane

getting into Salt Lake City was two hours late because of the poor weather, & they held up the transcontinental luxury lines at Salt Lake that we were supposed to transfer to for over an hour, because we made it plain to them we had to be into S.F. at a certain time to sail. —

Well, Jim getting tetter than ever, & I don't seem to have much more to say. Give my love to the gals & I will try and write to them soon.

Bud

What is the new office address?
I would like to know it just for the fun of it. —