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Dearest Joan,

Well, I survived the little blow we had a couple of days ago. Never experienced anything like it in my life. The wind was blowing so hard you couldn't stand. I was in my shack when a little gust blew it over a cliff. Got out OK except for a lump on my noggin. One of our officers got a couple of who broken and a few of the men got banged up when the mess hall gave way, but outside of that we fared fairly well. Of course our entire installation broke down and was a total loss except for the shower. We've been rebuilding frantically so we can get under

cover before it rains again. The Navy lost a lot of men and ships that were smashed to pieces on the rocks. They've been dragging out the dead for two days now. Food is getting a little scarce but we hear some is being flown in from the states. So I doubt if we'll starve as the reports from the states seem to indicate. The smartest thing they could do would be to evacuate all the troops but the permanent party but quick. The CG recommended that to the War Department and we sure hope they act on it. B-29's were picked up and towed around like so many match sticks, you were afraid to stick your neck around a rock for fear the flying debris would hit you. Never want to go through one of those again. War was never that tough.

Write soon.

All my love

Gene