

New Guinea  
March 12, 1945

Dear "Doc" Saugstad,  
I'm still on New Guinea  
but am now in a different  
part. This place is said to be  
"Soldiers Tropical Dream." We work  
one week & are off the next. The  
week we work, we only work every  
other day & for only 4 to 6 hrs.  
per day. We are right on the  
beach & have a beautiful clean  
swim at. Looking  
around one would never think  
that jungle battles were ever  
fought here.

Am taking an Armed  
Force Institute course as  
I said I would. I am studying  
Elementary French thru the Extension  
Division of the University of California  
at Berkeley. The Institute pays  
half of the fee & I pay the other  
half. Books are included.  
Professor Meylan one of  
the co-writers of the Sept is

The professor in charge of the course. Thus far I think it rather easy & very interesting upon completion of French one I plan to take either French ~~two~~ or Psychology one. It is really a wonderful opportunity to "S.D. Joe"

It is too bad that more young men do not take advantage of this opportunity. You can take the regular \$2.00 U.S. Course ~~at~~ the University Extension Courses. I chose the Univ. of Cal. as I thought it was a very good Univ & also that I could correspond the rapidest with them.

I am wondering what is going on at Wagoner. I imagine most of my fellow students have either ~~or~~ received their degrees or have left for the Armed Forces.

How is Mrs. Laughton? Often I think of her & those

wonderful lectures on "Living with others," she gives to incoming freshmen. I found in my first year of Army life that many grown men & growing men are in need of a complete course on "Living with others."

I have a buddy, a Sgt Busch of Ft. Lewis who goes to Chapel with me every Sunday. We have the opportunity to, ~~last~~ <sup>last</sup> Sunday we hitch hiked about 4 or 5 miles to attend Protestant services. We did not mind that as we felt it our duty to go.

There I noticed Negro marine boys attending service. I thought it wonderful to see them there. All they wore was a dirty G.I. hat around their waist. I just prayed that no matter your color, creed or standing in life we can all & should all

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worship God in our own humble way. I am sitting in the Red Cross "Suba Suba Hut" as the Red Cross writing & game building is called. "Suba-Suba" is S. I. for "hurry-hurry". In my last session the called the Red Cross Club the "Kunai Kover" <sup>dunji</sup> for the "Kunai Grass" <sup>juinde</sup> in this area. It is a very tall grass, sometimes as high as 8 to 9 ft tall.

At 8 P.M. on Monday nights the Red Cross gets serve Hot Coffee & Doughnuts. Other evenings at 8 P.M. they serve ice-cold cake.

It is about time for Coffee so I'll end this short letter hoping that we will soon have peace.

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My new address is & will be  
forgive sometime:

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Sincerely yours  
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