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Dear Prof,

Got your letter of 30 July and believe me prof it really swell hearing from you. Thanks for the compliment but I don't think I really enjoy all that flattery because I don't feel I deserve it. I just put my thoughts on paper and it's really the way I feel.

Good, you know it's really swell to know how you felt about "the guys" while we were up there. I guess I never did realize how swell it was of you and to see Ted much. You know I've got about the same kind of a job you've got. You are right now I'm a Camp Commander with close to a hundred fellows to watch over and I know just how it feels. There are many times you have to overlook; things you wouldn't ordinarily let pass by. Of course you realize that in the military service, especially the Marine Corps, it is a little different but the situation is still the same.

You really needed the rest, you so well deserve it "came I can imagine how you felt after a strenuous work out of trying to run weapons under these wretched conditions.

You know prof you put into words, thoughts that I've had for a long time but never could really say it. All the boasts and escapades are entirely true but I can't get over the way you expressed it, it's really marvelous.

Thanks for the dope on the K's. Of course it's only between you and I. You and I see eye to eye on so many things. The frankness with which ^{we} express ourselves seems almost unusual, doesn't it? Maybe it's that this once has made us both a little more understanding in many aspects. I'm beginning to talk in circles now I guess but there are many times when I thought I was due for a ram from you prof. At the time I didn't realize the, what a swell Joe you were and that what you were doing was really for the good of the most concerned.

Both the Kexells fooled me completely. I had in both figured as being true blue but I guess I called 'em wrong again.

Lo flame is now an Evigun doing communicator work. Glad she seems to like it. And I know what you mean about the climate. We don't have the most enjoyable set up in the world either, but I will say we have air conditioning. Yeah, you get air on one condition - you bring it in yourself. How just what brought that on?

Air
mail

Was glad to get all the news of all the gups. You seem to be the only one who knows what's going on with all the people so I guess I'll have to rely on you.

Jimmy La Hart is still out on one of the other islands and West Bachelor is expected out here some day, some place. He heard that wife of his told it would think he was coming out on a special mission for the president himself.

Air Mail

Marie's brother has made several trips across the Atlantic as an ensign in the Merchant Marine. Right now he's studying some line of pharmacy because his skipper recommended him after some work he did in a few scrapes.

Saw Chaplain Jager. He's in the sick bay with kidney trouble of some kind. Seems to be a matter of concussion suffered on Catusitah and Kanajihm. He's really a swell fellow prof. you were right. He's a Marine Corps chaplain you know. He was with the 6th Marine and from what he tells has seen his share of this mess. You know I was really surprised and pleased to run into a chaplain, graduate of Wagner, especially in the Corps. We just shot the bull and I had to leave all too soon. I think I'll try to see him again.

Well prof, that's about all for now. This writing leaves things a day or two out, hope it finds you that way at your end. Best regards to all and God bless you all.

Most sincerely,

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