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Mom,

Well, the cards and letters continue to pour in! I'm really humbled by all of the Christmas spirit shown in the thoughtfulness and kindness by the people back home!

You asked about the temperature. Well, because of the dampness and the fluctuation of temperature between day and night we all have colds! Ha! It's warm when we go to bed at night but toward morning it gets pretty cool. I guess it's going to be this way for a while. I've noticed that the sun is moving to one side like it does at home in the winter so I guess that affects the temperature. During the day it can get pretty warm but because we don't have a thermometer I really don't know how hot it gets.

Thanks millions for the Christmas decorations! We've really got our "suite" decorated! I intend to take [page 2] some snapshots of it.

Sergeant Hopkins is about 35. All three other team members are family men.

I've written a check for \$1000 to be deposited in First Savings & Loan. Some time next month check to see if it got there.

I got a cake from Vickie yesterday. I am going to try to send Lloyd a nice harvester that they use over here. I don't know how far it'll get.

You mentioned receiving a card from the Hics. Yes, they are a tremendous couple! I look forward to seeing them in the future.

I got a card and note from the Nitzie that Bill Huska is planning to marry! She said she had met you and that because you were such an exceptional woman, I must be pretty good too! Ha! Get serious.

[page 3] Well, I guess the Great Santy (as Marti calls him) will have come and gone by the time you receive this letter.

The Christmas card you sent was a classic. Where did you find such a unique card? And what you added in the card is so true. I just wonder what things will be like next Christmas when I'm at home? There have been many changes since I left home last June! There will be many more before I get home.

When is Shelly supposed to have the little one? You all are going to have to keep me posted!

Christmas cards and greetings continue to pour in! We even got a gift package from a Massachusetts American Red Cross chapter! And sector gave us a bunch of Christmas and New Year's decorations plus a turkey [page 4] that we'll cook tomorrow. Capt. Narimatsu is on R&R in Hawaii over the holidays. He'll be back the 1st of January.

Well, about all for now.

Hoping you all had a Merry Christmas and will have a Happy New Year!

Robert
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