

Dearest Wife & Sons

29 Dec 1945

There isn't many days of this year left so if I'm going to get started on this letter writing business I better get busy. Your letters are coming through pretty regular now. In fact they are coming in as regular as they did when I was in Texas -

Say my dear you know it was good to get a piece of the boys birthday cake. There was 8 or 10 fellows around and they all had a sample of the boys cake - Gee how I long to be around you folks. And to be frank & free with you the roughest part of the Army for me at least is to be away from my family. Things seem to get rolling along pretty well along some line then & my mind wanders to a White Xmas, or The Concert in The park or 500 other lines of that.

and I am lost. Lost all the interest in the job that I had and think of angles to get out of this mess at the earliest possible date.

About the 10th or 12th of Dec my buddy sent a Radiogram to his wife in New York. Last night he received a letter of her thrill & disappointment. The radiogram she received read something as follows: "Get dressed & expect to be home immediately." In two days or so she had ~~her~~ the Radiogram traced back and found that it was the wrong one when they gave her the proper telegram that brought Bill's message.

Bill is a fine Pathologic fellow from N.Y. - A Machinist By trade. I went to Pathologic Mass Xmas eve - 12:00 Midnight Japanese girls sang in a chorus and I enjoyed myself quite a bit.

Earlier Xmas eve we went to

a Protestant & Catholic Sing Service

where everyone joined in Xmas

Songs. Great after that the Perry

Discern girls put on a play -

"Merry Christmas" They sang a

few Xmas songs in Eastern English

and a lot of Xmas songs in

Japanese to the same music.

It was worth quite a bit to hear.

Also I had quite a week just

prior to Xmas - Practising for
Xmas Songs - Yes, that was a good
struggle for me to get out of this
high powered ^{little} music around
here - Also ^{little} asking along the way
what I was able to learn a lot about
the Japanese way of living - at
least my old soul good to get a
little bit of education along the
line of that that the paper has.
Times - Wagon - Sun - Bicycle
these and these - etc.

The Electric Power is developed
in Japan as high as any section
that I know. The electric interurbans
run fast enough to loose their wheels
but they stick and the trolley pole stays
with the wire also.

Up till now I have been on
Steam trains - Electric trains - Trolleys
- Busses - Road in Jap trucks - bicycks
- automobiles and have even walked.
Get acquainted with all of these things
By experience I maintain.
Well its time to close for now -
I have a shower then Phoos may
more letters this afternoon I dont
know - Remember to keep
Smiling - I love you & will
be seeing you before too long
your Husband
Edmund -