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Addressed to: Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Broaddus 1001 W. Gregory Blvd. Kansas City, 5 Missouri

Fri.

Dear Mom & Dad,

We have been at sea since early Tuesday morning, getting back to San Diego last nite. The division commander gave us an operational readiness inspection consisting of a battle problem, beaching & retracting, lowering boats at sea, & firing at surface and air targets. I had a lot of fun and wouldn't mind doing it over again.

Next week we are going to be used by the CB's to train marines & soldiers in the use of pontoon causeways. That will probably involve a trip to camp Cook which is up the coast a couple hundred miles.

I received the shirts and the pictures of the flood. That was fine.

I did not go to Palomar because there was heavy mist in the mountains. I want to see it on a clear day.

Have no further word on getting out yet but another officer has been ordered to take my place. If I don't hear by the 20th, I'm going to rite again – and keep writing.

The Captain has made me the Summary Court Martial Officer & I've had to try five men in the last two weeks. I investigate, decide, & sentence and I don't like any part of it – would rather take a beating.

I'm going to to write again tonite & tell you about a man that went bezerk on here the other nite. 'Twas exciting.

Yes, have some of my suits cleaned.

Love, Jimmy