

Oakland Cal

11-22-31

Dear Sister

I will again attempt to write and this time finish the letter and mail. have started to write many times but did not finish. it may sound strange but was mostly for want of time. I was out of town a couple of times and that I really would write from there but the work kept me busy evenings too. had things to figure out for next day. while the others was out driving or taking in the show, I did not even have a chance to drop a hook - there was good fishing near by. one place the river ran thru town. It might appear as if I was playing hooky - but I only got to one foot ball game this season yet and perhaps wont get to any more - except one - the Shrine game new years day - which I never miss - of which the proceeds

go to childrens hospital. Have been to the movies twice where African pictures were shown - a couple of lectures - to lodge twice and to church once perhaps twice - and two games of whist in the last three months, also for some exercise I helped a friend build a fish pond in his yard. which took a couple of saturday afternoons and a sunday, they of course supplied the rats and home brew.

I hope the weather is somewhat to your liking there now, the hot weather should be over a long time ago, we had about 3 days here that was just a little uncomfortable, in fact where I stayed in Fisco they had steam on all but about 3 days. altho it was not needed. Now of course it is, we have unusual cold weather and steam is welcome. The last 3 months I worked in the office where it is steam heated and a little

stuffy and to me it is snappy cold when I go out. Some may like that life but I don't. They have a cafeteria there and most of them are in all day with<sup>out</sup> getting outside in the open. Fine place for getting colds. A couple of weeks ago I had the first one that sent me home and the first one when I could not hear myself talk. I never give in to a cold but this time everyone was telling me I looked terrible go home to bed, which I did.

Altho I don't like the place I do <sup>like</sup> the work and times are hard very little doing so will see it thru and finish. It is interesting and of course makes a difference. It is new and complicated - very few know what it is all about. is only partly perfected and there is a lot of hard work to get it working satisfactory. It is the brain and nerves of the power system in fact the State. Here we have thousands of tiny

wires and instruments to get in their proper place, even one misplaced would mean total failure, Radio makes these things possible. Part of the Equipment is a large map of California painted on a large half circle sheet metal which reaches from floor to ceiling of very high room and long enough to about reach across the street. on that map is all power houses and power wires towns and so on, then there is a tiny red and green light for every switch and machine in the state. and in front of that board one can see all going on. That map is a beautiful thing. something to be proud of, in front of it is 3 desks where sits the 3 load dispatchers who direct all operation of the system. Over the same wires that light-heat and power come they talk also-stop and start machines and power houses by pressing a button- Can even read meters and unlock door to let a

someone in hundreds of miles away  
 or a block or two. over the same  
 wires the regular Co bus is handled as  
 well as private and toll work.  
 in an adjoining room to dispatches  
 will be regular telephone switchboard  
 to handle this part of it or regular bus.  
 which will employ 6 girls at a time  
 when completed.—up to now there is  
 only enough completed to employ 3  
 That board is also all new and automatic  
 so the girls have to learn over again  
 how to operate.

Yes I am all thru with hospital's now,  
 guess I am 100% patched up and hope  
 to stay that way, and talking  
 selfishly I should be happy now  
 over that. But happy we can't be —  
 at least until others are also. or  
 in a position where they should be  
 happy. The depression they claim  
 has not hit the west as bad as the  
 East. I am sorry for the East if it is

worse than here. Seattle I understand for the first time in her history a breadline for women and children. which is pretty tough. No wonder we have radicals and soap box artists. I don't believe that the people who live in luxury can help feeling blue over the present situation. I imagine that people who boasted for the apparent jelly fish Hoover feel now as I do (a sap) I don't think any one blames him for the depression but they feel he has the power and authority to untangle the mess. Well Sis I have not yet said half of what I intended to write but this is all for this time. I was going to explain some things you asked about, but will before this week end.

As Ever

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