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AIR LETTER



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Dear Maurice & Alice,

I took the day off to catch up on my correspondence which was badly in need of being taken care of (some sentence, huh?) & by dinner time I had the grand total of five letters written! Not bad for a kid. I wrote to Kay O'Donnell and asked her to tell you folks that I had received your letter, written while on vacation, and that I would hold off answering it until the Stations arrived so that I could let you know they had a safe journey. Then I sent the boy out to mail the letters this afternoon he returned with the Stations. They are very beautiful and just like old friends because we had the same set in the seminary. I can get some white cardboard the size of the frame and that will get them off very nicely - even better than if the picture filled the whole frame itself. So once again, many thanks for your kindness. I don't know just how they came but the envelope in which you sent them was inclosed in another at Manila and sent air mail to here, registered! The stamps amounted to \$1.25 and the return address was the American Embassy, Manila. Was that some P.O. work?

I was sorry to hear of all your trouble over the ham. My mother sent out a can of Spam - or whatever it is - and she just put it in a package and mailed the whole thing. It just came the regular mail and I don't know how long it was in coming but there was nothing bad about it when it landed. I suppose those regulations about how long it will last without refrigeration are to protect the company in case they go bad.

I am glad to hear that you were having a vacation and that Thomas Patrick was behaving himself. Was it your sister you were to see in Los Angeles? Is she still in the same place?

I received Kay's M.O. alright; in fact, I received the third one yesterday. I told her she must have given up smoking and drinking altogether! You sure introduced me to a good friend. I also received Mrs. Carroll's M.O. yesterday and I wrote to let her know today.

The work is coming along as well as can be expected. I really haven't started to do any building yet but Brother is here working on Father Buhl's school. I have finally managed to get fifty bags of cement and Brother wants to use it very soon before the rain ruins it. We may start to lay the foundations this week or early next week. We are going up to the lumber mill tomorrow to see what is holding up the rest of my lumber. It's dissing from running around - at least, I tell myself it is all the running around. I don't know exactly when he will be finished but I think the blessing will not be till August anyway. The Bishop is coming over and we will have Confirmations at the same time.

I was over to see Bob Cullen last week about getting the cement mixer and we had a nice night together. Talked over all the old times and the fun we had in your fair city. I will be going back there for a week this Sunday. We are having our retreat at his convento. What a job! We have to lug a sleeping mat, net, sheet, etc., etc. None the retreat master is good. I will keep you all in my prayers during the week and hope they will do some good in return for all your kindness.

Love,

Father Bill