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Letter 8 (Christmas card, green ink)

Text printed on card

With
Best Wishes
For Christmas
And the New Year

Actual Letter

Carolyn & Boynton & the boys.

Sun. 12-1954

Dear Carol & all: I saved until late to write hoping I'd have time to write a little extra – Dreamer!

Deal & Cardie & a passenger arrived Friday nite early and left yesterday AM. 8:30 with Mother with them. Left their $\frac{3}{4}$ ton Ford pickup truck here & took our car – so we think they'll be back to see us in a couple of weeks. Mother said if the altitude bothered her too much she'd be back too. But I don't expect her back. Edna will really have Christmas this year with Joan home too. How a few years change home life! You'll have yours again this year too – while we are in reverse it seems. We're lucky to have one here yet too.

Hadn't had much enthusiasm for Christmas but now it looks like we may have Dodge family Christmas eve here so I can perk up & decorate. I missed Hobby Club session of wreath making so haven't even gotten them ready yet. Did fool around spraying "frost" on front windows today. Looks nice too. Its kind of fun & different. Not a speck of snow here but plenty of frosty & cold. Nites 10 to 15 now.

After we were in bed & asleep last nite Betty called as a Christmas present to herself she said. It was good to hear from her. She mainly wondered if Mother was here yet & where to send

the package for her. Betty teaching tho she still has a pre school babe. Betty Lou in school now tho. Lou is mapping for forestry department – showing roads, growth, burn etc. Its in his line and may put him in a spot so he'd be “apparent” for a permanent job. Hope so.

Jack asked for Christmas leave but was 9th alternate so now is putting in for Feb. leave hoping he can be here when Bill is home after his basic. Jack can be off both holidays but has to be on base between times. Bill has four days & was going to San Francisco with some of the boys. He was a pretty disgusted boy his first letter home – said the food terrible but as soon as he was assigned to a permanent unit the story was better. He'll do OK tho. Boynton is still tired from his fall run but I hope things will let up enuf now so he can get a little time off & rest & catch up. We've done a little traveling but always with a meeting to necessitate the trip & then visiting and spuds come with same trip.

I've done nothing special but feel the strain of the fall too & definitely need to relax.
“Twas nice to have Mother here awhile.

Merry Merry to you all

Carolyn

