

AUG. 1, 2004

Dear Lil.

I'm writing in long hand, because I'm 125 miles away from my computer. I don't have a laptop, so excuse the handwriting & spelling.

Jackie & I decided to get away for 2 weeks, ~~so~~ we came upstate to Swan Lake. ~~We~~ didn't sell the place yet, so we might as well use it.

I have to be back home by Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> to take a blood test & then start the 5 days of therapy.

I have to continue with the Chemo for 5 days every month for a whole year. I'm into it about 3 months now & it makes you feel very tired & is causing me pain down my left side from my hip to my ankle. It also causes diarrhea.

The Tylenol & Codeine I take for the pain, also causes constipation.

I'll be glad when the year is up. I'll live through it!

I read David's Email & it reminded me of the basic training I went through. If I had to go through it today, I wouldn't last 10 mins.

The Red Hat Society sounds like fun. (for old ladies) enjoy yourself. That Luau your group is having sounds interesting. If you ~~when~~ wear a grass skirt, I want a picture. Does Bob go along with you on any of these outings?

I remember something that happened to me on an island in the Dutch East Indies. We would set up a large white sheet between two palm trees & watch movies at night.

We ~~at~~ sat on tree logs, drank warm Australian beer & ate peanuts.

On one moonlit night while watching the movie, a red flare shot up & the siren went off indicating an air raid. We all ran to our fox holes & waited. After 20 mins. the all clear would sound & a green flare would light up the sky.

We then went back to the movie thinking it was a false alarm. The Japs occupied an island about 80 miles from where we were. They would send a small sea-plane to our island & when they got close enough to us, our radar would pick them up & when they saw the red flag, they would land on the water & wait until they saw the green flag. They would then take off again & fly low. By the time our radar picked them up again, they would be right over us. They would come in so low, you could see them looking down on us & dropping hand grenades.

I ran behind the nearest tree & fired my 45 automatic at them. Everybody who had a weapon with them did the same.

No body was hurt that night; but we did find a downed plane on the beach the next morning with a dead Jap in it.

After that nite we stopped  
using flares + only the siren.  
We didnt have any more close  
calls after that.

It's 9 P.M. and <sup>RAINING</sup> ~~coming~~ out -  
I think I'll take a shower + go  
to bed.

I forgot to bring an envelope  
with me. I'll go into the post office  
in the morning + mail it from  
there.

That's it for now.  
Yours + Bob be well + regards  
from Jackie.

Love,  
Jackie.