Dear Dorothy,

Exactly four months from today. And tomorrow I leave for Singapore. I got hold of the Univ. of Md. people yesterday, at long last, and it now seems they won't start their next semester until June sometime, so it looks as if I won't get to teach at all. It's really quite disappointing after all the trouble I went to to get myself accredited. Damn! Also I would have much preferred to have taken my R & R about a month from now. However, the die is cast. Maybe they will blow up BOQ 1 while I am gone and I can be glad I went now. For sure I will have a good time, anyhow.

Incidentally, you may expect your birthday present late. I'm going to get it in Singapore.

Jot your letter 198 today telling of the teeth pulling. So so glad that I ever with - and so
easily too. I was afraid you might have a bit of a hassle with that.

The telephoto lens is not a zoom. The zoom lenses have adjustable focal lengths. More or less magnification. They are nice, but relatively bulky and quite expensive. Actually, I priced an 85-250 mm lens - but it was over $300. I'm quite pleased with the lens I have, actually. Plan to take lots of pictures in Spain, of course. Enclosed are a couple more shots of Aberdeen, taken from way up - one with 50 mm and the other with 200 mm lens. Note the 200 mm shot is badly exposed - I booped.

When do you think Tom will make Eagle court? He would obviously have been ready for the court of honor if he had slept at it.

So am sorry the jungle suit for Stuart has not arrived as yet. I do hope it didn't go astray - it should have been there way before this.

I hope Arthur can keep the republicans in line, although I must say he is a rather
colorless guy to aspire to the leadership of so flamboyant a group as S.C. Republican

The war kept grinding on. Nothing much new—they did shoot a couple dozen 75mm recoilers at T.S.N. last night, damaging a few planes. However, this is really minor. The point is we are sitting on our bums waiting for the bad guys to move so we can react.

War does get back tonight. We had a crash project to prepare a briefing for the press on enemy strength on 29 Feb, complete with maps. Got it all about 4—due at noon tomorrow. Anyhow I stayed until about 8 and wrote it and the graphics guys are working on the slides—they have a night shift anyway. I have never in my life assembled such a pack of truly garish and true falsehoods. The reporters will think we are putting on a horse and dog show when we try to sell them this crap.

Love,

Jim

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