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Dear Lil;

Your latest news sheet came a couple of days ago and I'm always very glad to get it for it's really swell to hear about all of the fellows, what ones are home etc., and to hear some of the news from around home. A lot of people don't realize it but quite often it is the small incidents which happen at home that we like most to hear about and I always find your newsheet of much interest as I'm sure the other fellows do also. I received another one from you quite some time ago and I do want to thank you for it, also for the picture of the honor roll.

Censorship has been discontinued so now I can write most anything I like which helps out a lot. You may not know where I am so here goes. I am on the island of Tinian in the Marianas, and have been for the past year. It is really quite a large island but nothing but a dot on the map. It is continually warm here but the growth isn't very tropical in fact it's quite similar to that in the states. There are quite a few banana trees though and when the Japs were here the island was about three quarters sugar cane. The Japs only had two airfields here but now there are ten, six being B-29 strips. It was a sight worth seeing to watch several hundred of them take off on their missions to Japan. The planes we work on are PB4Y-1 Liberators, PB4Y-2 Privateers (B-24's) PV-1 Venturas and PV-2 Harpoons. They all have a good sinking record too. I'll enclose a picture of one of our PV's a medium patrol bomber. They usually carried rockets plus small torpedo or six bombs. You can see the rocket chutes on the left wing. Well Lil thanks again for the news etc. Regards to Frank. I sure hope I can be included in the groups of fellows that drop in to see you, before too long.

Sincerely

Bill