SAIPAN(THE ROCK)
THANKINGSGIVING ALIAS
TURKEY DAY MINUS THE TURKEY
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DEAR J.T.D. ,

UPON THIS HAPPY AMERICAN HOLIDAY YOUR LETTER ARRIVED JUST BEFORE NOON, THAT TIME DURING WHICH WE ARE TO GORGE OURSELVES WITH GI TURKEY, KNOWN AFFECTIONATELY AS THE BIRD, OR J.C. HOW CAN A TURKEY BE THAT SCRAUNY AND STILL LIVE? ALL THEM BONES AND NO MEAT.....HELL I DON'T SEE HOW THIS BIRD EVER HELD HIS FEATHERS ON, I REALLY DON'T.

THE RADIO JUST PROCLAIMED THE DEATH OF ROBERT BENCHLEY AND I THINK ONE OF THE GREAT HUMORISTS OF OUR TIME HAS DIED. I ENJOYED HIS BOOKS VERY MUCH. A GOOD MAN.

THE ARMY IS OUTDOING ITSELF AGAIN....WITH THAT "TURKEY"
THEY PLAN TO FEED US THIS NOON, THEY ARE GIVING EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US
TWO CANS OF BEER. NOW IF I CAN FIND ABOUT TWENTY GUYS THAT DON'T DRINK
I'LL BE ALL SET, YEA MAN.I MAY EVEN THROW A PARTY, MAYBE, IF WE CAN
LOCATE A QUART SOMEWHERE.

BY THE BY I'M READING A VERY TERRIFIC NOVEL, WHICH THE MATER SENT ME FOR XMAS, "A LION IS IN THE STREETS" BY ADRIA LOCKE LANGLY SHE'S A NEW NAME ON THE BOOK LISTS AND I PERSONALLY THINK SHE HAS SOMETHING, EVEN IF SHE ONLY BECOMES THE POOR MANS THOMAS WOLFE. T. WOLFE IS MY FAVORITE AUTHOR BY THE WAY. WHILE IN THIS SERIOUS FRAME OF MIND LET ME QUOTE YOU SOMETHING WRITTEN BY AN EX MARINE TURNED COLUMNIST. JIM LUCAS IS THIS BOYS NAME, THIS IS WHAT HE WROTE" LITTLE PEOPLE LIKE TO BELIEVE THEY DON'T MAKE WARS. AFTER THREE YEARS IN THE PACIFIC SOME OF US REJECT THAT AS RANK ESCAPISM. WE THINK YOU LITTLE PEOPLEM HAD A HAND IN MAKING THE WAR WE JUST FINISHED, WE FEAR YOU MAY BE MAKING ANOTHER" I THINK HE IS SO DAMN RIGHT IT HURTS. I THINK THE LITTLE PEOPLE IN OUR NATION HAD BETTER OPEN UP THEIR EYES BEFORE OUR NATION CLOSES THEM FOREVER AND SINKS INTO CMORASS OF ISOLATIONISM AGAIN. BY GOD I WISH THEY COULD HAVE SEEN THE R SONS AND BROTHERS DIE. THEY DIED HARD AND SLOWLY, THEY DIED BEX CAUSE THEY HAD NO PLASMA, THEY DIED BECAUE ALL OUR TRAINED MEDICS WERE ALREADY DEAD, AND THEY DIED NOT BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO, BUT BECAUSE THEY HAD TOOAND NOW THESE GREEDY PEOPLE WANT TO RETURN TO NORMAL WAYS OF LIFE AGAIN. DAMN THEM , THEY MAKE ME WONDER WHY WE EVER FOUGHT TO SAVE THEIR ROTTEN HIDES. IF THEIR STUPIDITY LEADS US TO ANOTHER WAR THEY CAN CONFIDENTIALLY EXSPE CT A CIVIL WAR BEFORE WE CONSIDER FIGHTING ANY SO CALLED ENEMY. THE PEOPLE SEEM A GREATER THREAT TO our freedom THAN ANY FOREIGN SOURCE. WE WHO SHOULD BE A GREAT PEOPLE ARE SHOWING OURSELVES TO BE A NARROW MINDED NATIONALISTIC GROUP OF BLUNDERERS. J.C. CAN'T THEY SEE THE WORLD MUST WORK TOGETHER, UNITED WE STAND IS OOW MORE TRUE THAN EVER. WE HAVE NO MORE RIGHT THAN ANY OTHER NATION TO BE THE RULING NATION OF THE WORLD. ITS ONE WORLD AND ALWAYS WILL BE, WE CAN'T ESCAPE TO THE MOON, WE HAVE TO LIVE ON IT, THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS MAKE IT LIVABLE.

I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CHOW AND NOW I SIT HERE CLUTCHING A COLD CAN OF BEER, A FULL FEELING INV ADES MY SYSTEM, AND MAYBE THEIR IS STILL HOPE FOR THIS ORB AFTER ALL, THOUGH AT TIMES I SERIOUSLY DOUBT IT, BECAUSE THE PEOPLE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT WAR IS EXCEPT IN TERMS OF RATIONING AND A FEW FOREGONE LUXURIES. WELL THE HELL WITH THIS LECTURE FOR NOW, AND ON TO THE MORE FRIVOLOS THINGS OF LIFE. THE REASON I WROTE YOU SO SERIOUSLY WAS BECAUSE WE HAD BEEN CORESPONDING FOR A YEAR NOW AND HAD NEVER DISCUSSED ANYTHING BUT SEX, THIS IS TO PROVE THAT I CAN BEABOVE THAT SORT OF THING OCCASIONALLY.

THE TURKEY WASN'T BAD REALLY AND THE BRASS EVEN HAD SOME BAGS IN THE GUISE OF NURSES IN FOR THE "FEAST". WHAT A GRUESOME T WOSOME THE CO AND THAT BLONDE BITCH OF A NURSE. I'VE LOST ALL RESPECT FOR THE WOMEN WHO ARE OVERSEAS, THEY ARE EACH AND ALL, BY NECESSITY PREHAPS, WHORES, OFFICER BAIT. A HELLUVA NOTE SENDING WOMEN ACROSS ANYHOW.

TESTING, TESTING, THIS DAMN PORTABLE DOESN'T WRITE WORTH \$58 \$555, I BORROWED IT FROM THE FIRST SGT. A LOVELY FELLOW REALLY, I DON'T EVEN MISS MY RIGHT ARM NOW., NOR MY TEN BUCKS. HEY, LOOK OVER THERE COMING TOWARD US ,, A ONE EYED DOG.... OPPS, I'M SORRY, THAT DOG ISN'T COMING HE'S GOING GEEWHIZ AND SO ONCE AGAIN I MUST BID YOU A FOND FAREWELL, ADIEU, BON JOUR, AUFWEIDERSEHEN, HASTA LA VISTA, AND WRETSYDHFUDJFMVKFLOTIY WHICH IS BESARABIAN FOR SEEYAH. THOUGHT IN LEAVING: I HAVE NO THOUGHTS TODAY, I'M ALL THOUGHT OUT.

> FRUSTRATEDLY YOURS J. PEABODY ROUSTABOUT JR.

N.B. YOU KNOW WHY SOME WOMEN WEAR BLACK LACE GARTERS??????? WHY IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED BEYOND. YUK YUK YUK

I STILL WANNA GO HOME. ?????????? SOON .



