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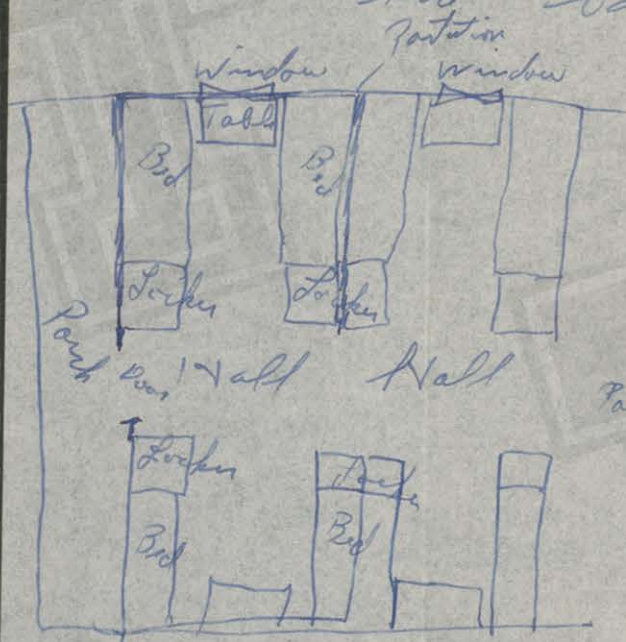
Dear Mother Daddy:

We are having some very cool weather during the past 3 weeks - I like it fine but it may not last.

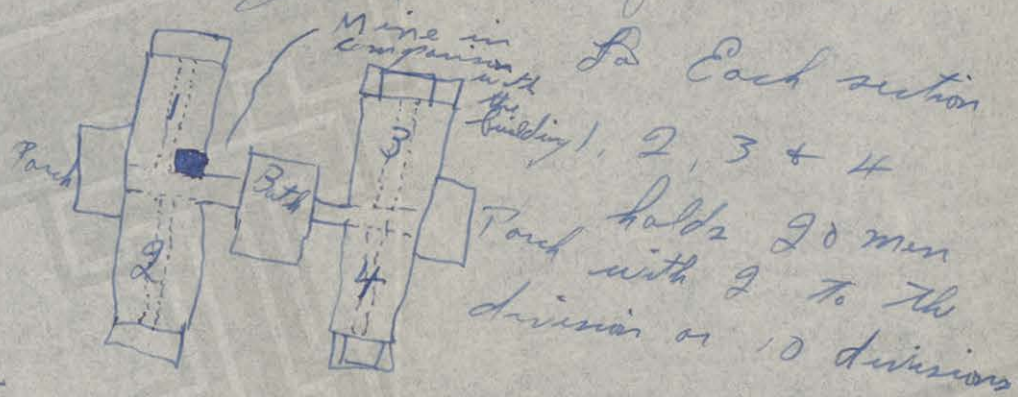
The 3 women on the island are to leave I due to the Pacific situation. They had no business here anyway or at least I do ~~not~~ think they should be so far away - We are around 3,000 miles from Japan and the Philippines.

We are having a shipper to the states the 29 or maybe later - We are to have a 60 mph wind tonight and they are usually right - here as the Ocean is uniform and there are so many boats around to report on the weather

My raise came through slight my
 boss is as proud of it as I -
 Well he should be - I do more
 for 165 than others do for 225 base
 pay and for 40 days did it for
 120 - I'm an apprentice structural steel
 worker and like it fine - The
 boss is only 25 but has worked at
 the work for 9 years - He gets 350
 base pay - + room board laundry bonus
 and overtime - In 10 months he should have
 4500 in the bank -



At the left is a rough
 drawing of our quarters -



Each section
 holds 20 men
 with 2 to the
 division or 10 divisions

We have 15 such buildings here now
Due to men leaving and arriving they
never have ~~over~~ any one building full.
I do not have a division partner - The
office has a mans name for the bed
next to me but he does not live
here anymore - I am quite about it
The janitor makes the bed and I hang
some of my clothes on his side with
Magazines on his side. I am satisfied as
some men are not desirable company and I
enjoy some privacy in a place that is
already crowded.

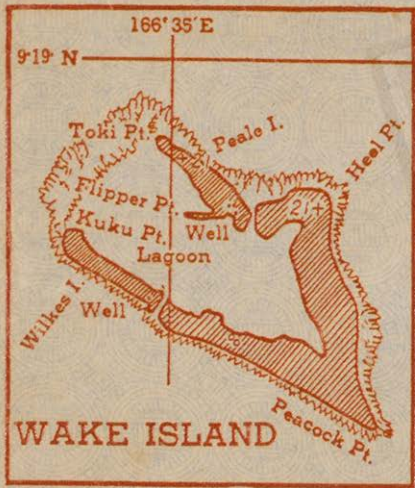
The draft board refused the appeal
boards ~~ref~~ request for my deferment
They are so silly - I can get out
of the Army if I'm taken back for
it as I have a rating that is essential
to National defense - I may have to
go back - The company is working on it

The local board turned it down
because I was due to go to
the army so soon when I left
and also because I ~~testified~~ ^{said}
I objected to military training - They
think I'm a draft dodger - Anyway
they should defer me as the Navy
Dept asked for it and also the state
board - It is not what a man thinks
it is his job that should defer me -

The company man I saw here said they
would carry it to as far as anyone
could to keep me here - as it cost
several hundred dollars to get me here
and if I left it would be lost and
then another would have to come over to
replace me - It is all so foolish
Write me here as usual and send the
little conscription of objection booklet. Bro
Woods printed - if you have one -

Love

Arthur



Arthur Vaggs
Contracted
Wake Island



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Ship may be late

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