Hawaiian Islands
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Wednesday

Dear Mr. Gist:

Your last letter arrived a couple of weeks ago but instead of answering right away I’ve been waiting for things to happen (as usual). Well it has now as you will notice in the slight change of address where it used to say 1046 E. it now says 1561. That little change there has meant an awful lot to me and it also means a few other changes take place such as an increase in pay (very important in this modern world) a change to a Chief’s uniform as you can see by the enclosed picture of yours truly and better things in general from now on. Better chow, better living quarters and lots of things. Yes I’m quite happy about it.

Well that’s the most important change that’s happened
around here. I am still going to school studying now Air Search and Surface Search Radar. Have about a week more and another happy change should take place. Nothing definite as yet but I expect to be transferred from here and sent to the States so I hope to that I shall have a chance to see Humboldt very shortly. Of course by the Navy terms good very shortly are taken loosely to mean anywhere from now to sometime 2-3 or 4 months later.

Well I wish I were one of those signed up for this term but I guess I’ll be an old man of 26 before I’m out of the Navy and in a position to go back to college. Meanwhile I’m scheduled for a year’s Stateside Electronics School. By the time I’m out I may want to continue in it, I don’t know yet.

Time for ‘Ta’ me so —
Sincerely
Russ