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Solomons Is. Group.

Dear Dr. Allen,

It's been a good while since I've received a Rebound, but I realize it will take it some time to catch up with me out here.

I came out to these islands in October and was assigned as a skipper of an LCT (Landing Craft - Tanks) in this area and then later operating my craft in the Ellice Islands. A few weeks ago I got a real break in being ordered to the Flotilla office as Executive officer of all our LCT's out here in Flotilla # 6. I am now in training for the position of Flotilla Comdr. and will relieve the present Commander of the Flotilla in a few months! It's a great opportunity for me and will give me an automatic promotion, so I am working hard now trying to gain a little efficiency in order not to miff the ball when the time comes for me to take over.

Certainly, I miss my wife and boy, but very frankly, I'm extremely glad that I had the chance to get off of shore duty back there and come over here for a year or so. I'm sure I'll be much the stronger for an experience such as this; when I finally return to my family after the war.