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Howdy do,

Hope you don't think I've deserted you. I've just been trying to get lined out in my new job.

Stanford seems like a pretty good outfit to work for. I am in a two man station at La Habra.

It is a 32 mile round trip each day.

I'm alone most of the time except on Saturdays and Sundays. Here is

~~the~~ the way they pay: base pay 145.00, country allowance 7.50, guaranteed commission 37.50 (will probably be around 55.00) Cost of living allowance 25.00. That is \$215 guaranteed and if my commission is around \$55.00 it will be even better. What is even better, I like the work and have a good manager to work for.

Keeps Eric busy processing my whites though!

Chris is getting smarter every day. She loves to read Little Black Sambo, Little Red Hen, Peter Rabbit. She says her prayers (How I lay me down etc) every night and

knows a few poems by heart. Not perfect by any means but fairly good for a kid her age. Also you will be surprised at a later time to find out what else she knows. Can't divulge the info. yet because it is "Top Secret" twist Chris in me! You'll learn about it at a special time in a extroy special way!

Davey is only a seal shorter than Chris now. Doesn't stand alone yet but sure can cuss you out in that blebblah jabber of his. The way he eats you'd think he only got fed once or twice a week. Actually we feed him every day now that his appetite has increased. We bought him a pair of Levis the other day. We'll have to cut the legs to an eight inch inseam but otherwise they fit him fine! He is quite the lad now!

Expansion has set in 100% with

Evie. Her tummy gets bigger and bigger. She is very faithful to a diet and actually lost 5 lbs in three weeks. She had to stay ~~to~~ away from avacodos, tacos, enchiladas and spuds but she always says she's full when we get them eating!

Evie wanted me to be sure and tell you how much we all weigh:

Evie	166
Kim	150
Chris	28
Davey	19½
<u>Total</u>	<u>363½</u>
average	91 lbs each.

Chris is sleeping with Grandma tonight. Poor grandma! Chris will have her down and out by morning.

How are you and all the stews, peaches and plum galleons coming along? Are you old enough to retire? When you coming to California to see us? How many blocks are you from town? Do you have a car? Are you Republican or Democrat? Do you favor a third term? How far is up? The by? What's your favorite radio ~~series~~ serial?

We still haven't had any flat tires since we left Oregon!

I should write to Tom & Exma tonight but I have to open the station at seven in the morning and that means getting up and away at 5:00. If you write them tell them hello or send this letter on and add a sheet with your own comment. Then they could add a sheet and send it to me and we could add — you don't think so much of it? Okay, ship it.

Goodnight
Shirley
Eric
Chad
Davey
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