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CONGRESS OK'S PAY BOOST

The proposed military pay raise that has been pending in Congress since early October was passed by Congress today.

The bill, retroactive to October 1, is awaiting President Johnson's signature. It will increase base pay of all government employees by 5.6%.

It is expected that military personnel will receive back payments during the first few months of the new year.

No information has been received concerning that portion of the bill allowing for automatic pay increases for the next 2 years. The projected pay scale will be made available in later editions.

Along with the pay raise Congress approved the postage hike.

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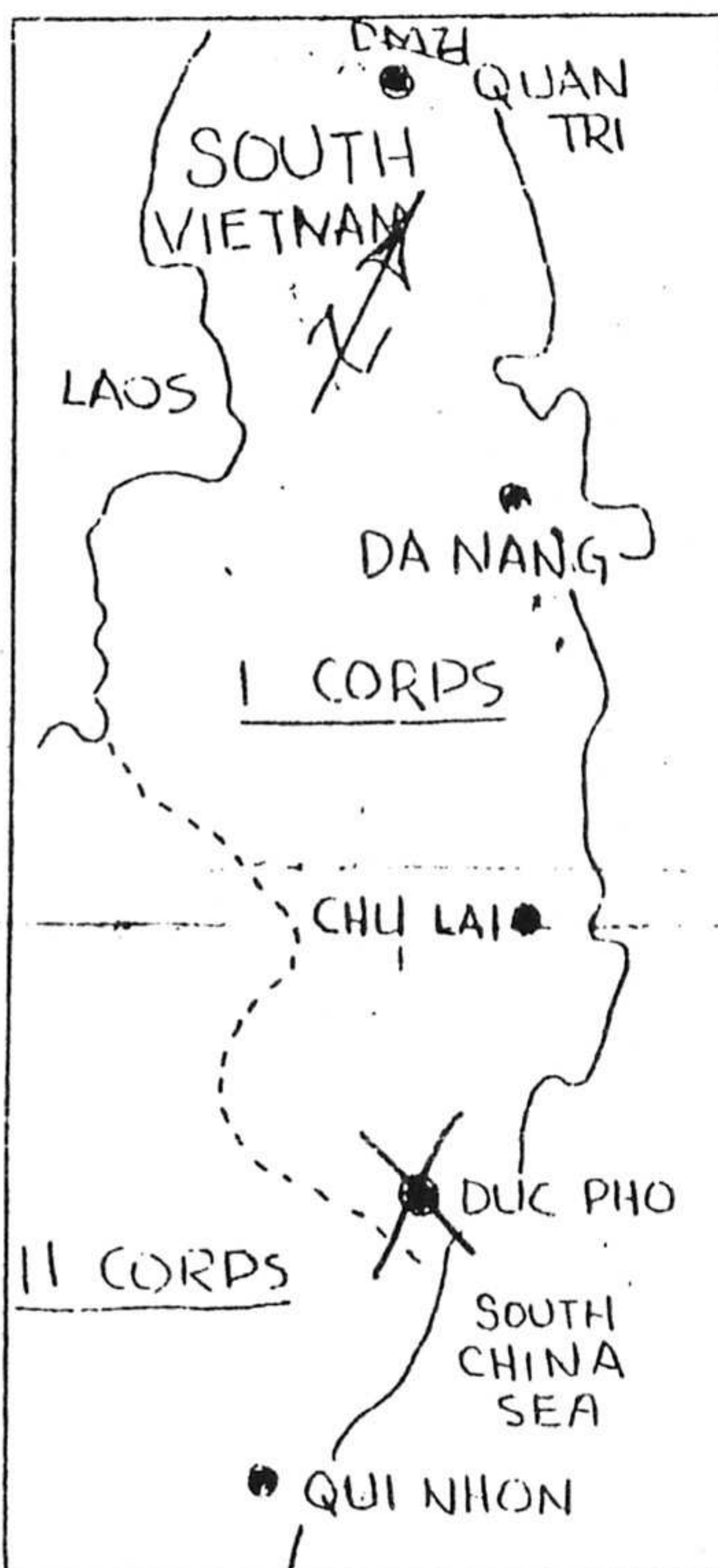
SATCON--Junior Senator Charles W. Percy (R-Ill) was fired upon during his inspection tour of Viet Nam. Initial reports indicate that the Senator was shaken up but not injured.

NOTES ON TROPICAL PHOTOGRAPHY

The difficulties of the photographer in the moist tropical areas of the world are the result of the high temperature and particularly of the very high relative humidity. These lead to personal discomfort, and to deterioration of materials, equipment, and finished photographs, either directly or through encouraging the growth of molds and bacteria and the ravages of insects. The following suggestions will be helpful in protecting your equipment.

Have cameras and other items of equipment been
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BRIGADE PORT CHANGED



A sudden switch in plans has changed the 11th Brigade's port of embarkation from Da Nang to Qui Nhon.

This change was made not because of any danger from enemy action, but to accommodate the seasonal monsoon weather.

According to Major James F. Henrionnet, executive officer of troops aboard the USNS Weigel, Vietnam has two distinct monsoon seasons, a northern and a southern season. Da Nang lies within the northern monsoon area, and plagued by continuous, heavy tropical rainfall.

Our new port of entry is located south of our base site at Duc Pho. It is 75 miles from base camp and as yet no information is available as to the mode of transportation from Qui Nhon to Duc Pho.

BIDDIX RIDES AGAIN

SFC Boyd Biddix, platoon sergeant for the 12nd platoon, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, has spent quite a bit more time on the USNS Weigel than most of us. He went to war across this same ocean in the fall of 1952 on this same ship.

Sergeant Biddix entered the Army in July, 1950, and was trained as a military policeman. He was assigned to various posts and finally left Fort McClellan, Alabama, for Korea in the fall of 1952.

Almost all troops going to Korea in those days went by troop transport. Sergeant Biddix went
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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

BY CHAPLAIN CAREY

During World War II, a great leader was imprisoned. Speaking about it, he once said he often felt like shaking his fist at his captors and saying, "God will take revenge on you." However, at those times he remembered the words of Christ on the Cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Jesus' prayer from the cross is the peak of intercessory prayer, it is asking forgiveness for man's rejection and crucifixion of the Son of God.

If Jesus Christ pleaded with his Heavenly Father to forgive those who crucified Him, how much more should we pray for the forgiveness of those who wrong us! By our prayers for those who sin against us, we indicate our desire to be forgiven of our trespasses.

The children of Israel has sinned greatly. Moses poured out his heart for them. All thought of his own salvation forgotten, Moses prayed for the forgiveness of the people he loved. He told God that he sought nothing for himself. Moses' prayer to be blotted out of God's book was not granted, but it breathed the spirit of self-denying intercession. Disregard of self is a sure mark of true intercession.

Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, he must leave self behind." This is as true of the ministry of intercession as of any other part of our obedience.

Intercessory prayer has a larger meaning than we might think. Some feel such prayers are offered only for the salvation of those who have not committed themselves to Jesus Christ. Prayers for them are basic of course, but intercessory praying does not end there.

Intercessory prayer is, indeed, effective in its appeal to God for the unsaved. The knowledge that others are praying for you and me in our various trails of life is dynamic. Such prayers give us strength so we will not fail God nor those who are remembering us in prayer.

TODAY'S MOVIE

Cabin Class 2000 hours
ONE DESIRE (B&W)

Troop Compartments 1300 thru 2000 hours
THE WRONG MAN (B&W)

1300 hours:
Compts 4-1, 4-6, 4-7, 2-2

1500 hours:
Compts 2-3, 3-2, 3-3

1800 hours:
Compts 2-7, 4-2, 4-3

2000 hours:
Compts 3-7, 4-4

TOMORROW'S MOVIE

Cabin Class:
ANGEL FACE (B&W)

Troop Compartments:
No movie - talent show

DAILY RELIGIOUS
SERVICES ON BOARD
Large Troop Recreation
Lounge

CATHOLIC
0800 Confession
0830 Mass

INTERFAITH MOVIE
0900 Moody Service Film

PROTESTANT
0945 Daily Devotions

JEWISH SABBATH
1900 Fridays

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Large Troop Recreation
Lounge

CATHOLIC
0900 Mass

PROTESTANT
1000 Worship Communion

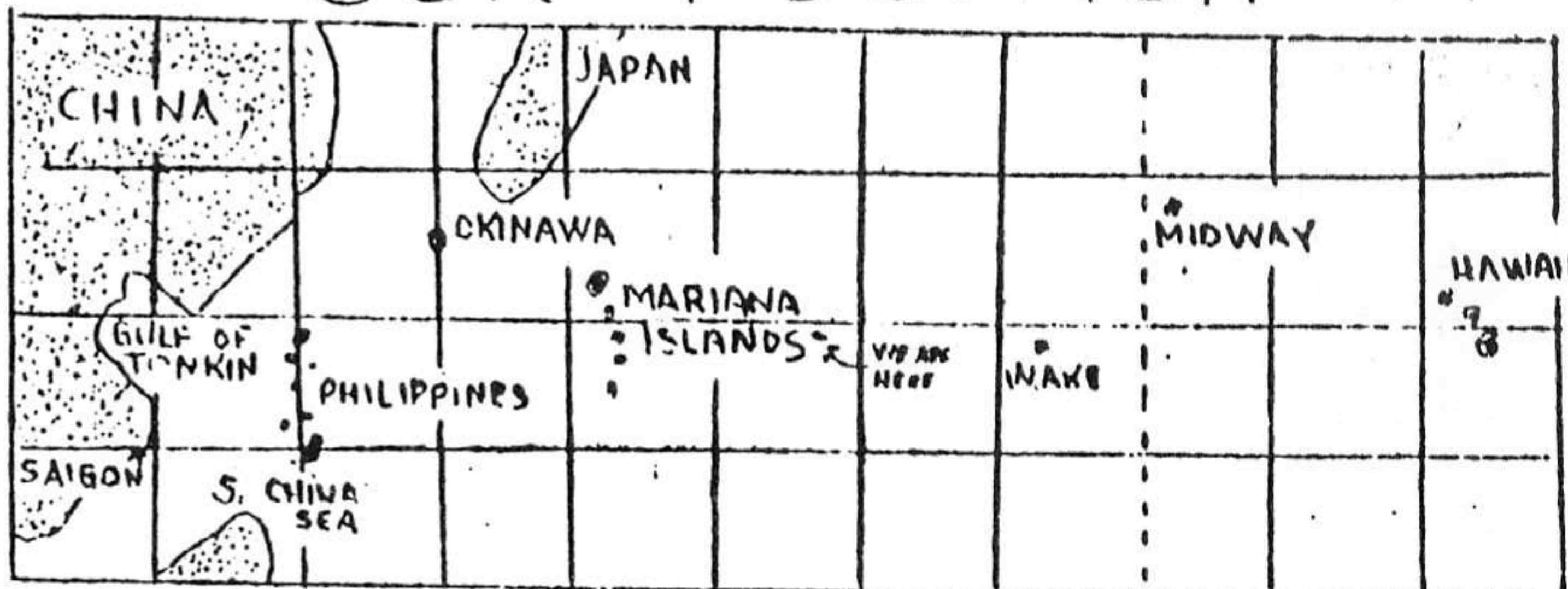
LATTERDAY SAINTS
Ship's Chapel
1000 Worship Service

BINGO BINGO BINGO BINGO
~~3:30 PM TONIGHT PRESENTATION~~

CABIN CLASS PASSENGERS:
1800 hours
Main Dining Room

THURSDAY NIGHT
COMPARTMENT PASSENGERS
1900 hours
Troop Mess Hall
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OUR POSITION



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aboard the USNS General William Weigel. There were 4,200 soldiers stacked five high in the compartments, and there was no air conditioning.

Because of the larger number of people that had to be fed, the tables in the mess hall were raised and the benches remained folded. All chow was gobbled while standing. The weather got rough and the ship had to close up for a few days to "weather" out a storm. There was a shortage of fresh water and one was lucky to get enough to drink.

SFC Biddix, who hails from Gastonia, N.C., has a wife and four children back in Lowell, N.C. He

had been an MP for most of his Army career until coming to the 11th in October of 1967. He attended a few MP schools during his various assignments and has served three tours in Korea.

When the then Corporal Biddix went to Korea for the first time he was assigned to a POW camp on an island off the Korean coast. He finished his last tour there in September of 1964.

"The ship is in much better condition now than it was on that first voyage," commented SFC Biddix concerning his last trip on this ship, "But, I sure wish they would put air-conditioning in this cabin of mine."

TALENT SHOW

The 11th Brigade talent show will be held Thursday, December 14, 1967, in the troop recreation lounge as follows:

1800 hours

Compts 4-1, 4-6, 4-7, 2-2

1900 hours

Compts 2-3, 3-2, 3-3

2000 hours

Compts 2-7, 4-2, 4-3

2100 hours

Compts 3-7, 4-4

Due to the talent show, all movies for the troop compartments on Thursday will be cancelled.

PEERING THE PLOT

COURSE	269°
LATITUDE	19°-49' N
LONGITUDE	157°-34' E
DISTANCE	458 mi
SPEED	19.08 kts
FROM HAWAII	2512 mi
TO VIETNAM	2825 mi
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TIME IS CHANGING

CLOCKS ARE TO BE RETARDED ONE HOUR...

AT 2300 HOURS 20 minutes

AT 0100 HOURS 20 minutes

AT 0500 HOURS 20 minutes

SO...Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed tonite.

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cleaned and placed in proper working order?

Place all cameras and equipment which will not be needed for use during the journey, or immediately after arrival, in sealed metal cans together with a drying agent (silica gel).

Obtain supplies of film in water-vapor-tight packaging. Rolls of 20-exposure film will generally be preferable to full-length, 36-exposure rolls since the shorter rolls can be exposed quicker and removed from the camera. Magazines of exposed 135 film should be stored or shipped for processing in lightly capped cans. The caps should not be screwed down tightly.

Do not open sealed containers until the equipment and supplies are needed for use. Equipment which is properly sealed in cans with a drying agent, and film in water-vapor-tight packaging require no further attention if they are protected from exposure to excessive heat.

Regularly and frequently clean all cameras and other equipment which are not in sealed containers. Wipe and polish them with a cloth, and on clean, dry days air and sun them whenever practical. The tropical sun can be very strong, however, and equipment should not be exposed long enough to become very hot. Cameras loaded with film should never be exposed to the sun more than is necessary.

Do not let film remain in cameras overnight in humid locations or any longer than necessary under any conditions.

Have film processed as soon as possible after exposure and airmailed to your home for proper storage.

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