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Dear Folks,

Your letters keep coming but I'm afraid mine have been rather few and far between going. I guess I've been lazy, but also haven't realized how good mail facilities can be to and from fairly distant spots such as this. The Quarterly arrived not so long ago, for instance, and was most welcome. I read it all with much interest. It seems funny to have to go back more than ten classes from the last in Alumni Notes for news of one's own form. Well, now one of us is 30 (!) was the oldest who graduated, though both Satan and

A week after
first combat,
described in a
later letter.
This mentions
"flying foxes"
and white terns
(seen at Ulithi,
in the Caroline
an atoll large
enough for the
fleet anchored)
"Liberty" (home
SB) was at Mogi
Mogi, an islet.

P. Alsop were (are) older.). At 30 I find
myself well except for a beastly
cold (yes, even out here) and still
with all my teeth and hair,
though upon very close inspection
it looks as if a ^{very} few of my many
hairs are gray! Last Fall I could
still chin myself 16 times, though
I doubt if I could right now.
Speaking of classmates, I ran into
J. Roosevelt the other day, much
to the surprise of us both.

A steel fly with bee in
another fairly recent event, and
that was between strolls ~~to~~ in
the vicinity that "netted" my
first flying fox, a most amazing
mammal, and excellent view of
a pair of white terns. They
are pure white except for black
bills, blackest feet and ^{very thin} rings
of black around ~~the~~ black eyes (giving

The appearance of ~~a~~ ³largest, black
eyes), and with their typical long
forked tails are unquestionably
one of the most beautiful as
well as graceful of all birds.

About the most recent movie
I've seen (for a while we went
almost every night to any one of
a number of shows) is one of the
best ever for action photography.
"Fighting Lady"; the story, in
authentic shots, of an Essex class
carrier. I recommend it for the
U.S. public, many of whom will
probably get a chance to be
thrilled by it, as we were.

Washington's Birthday! I
suppose the snow is deeper than
ever. Many happy for tomorrow.
Pa!

Love
Toots