



1ST COAST ARTILLERY  
FORT SHERMAN  
CANAL ZONE

Box 83

1/1/38 -

Dear Mama,

Received the candy  
and cake several days ago -  
meant to write them but didn't  
the candy and fruit cake sure  
tasted good. I will be home  
for next Xmas -

I stayed up last night  
and watched the new year  
roll in. Cecil is here with  
me now - he came over last  
nite and is going back Sunday.  
He said to tell Bill and Russell  
hello.

Our ham rig is working fine.  
we have a schedule with a ham  
in Ga. and one in New York -  
we have worked about half  
the states already - sure wish

Clayton would get on the air soon so I could fix up a schedule with him. if we could do that it wouldn't take a week and a half to hear from each other.

I hope everybody is ok. everything is ok here. we will soon be having maneuvers here again. then I won't have but about 7 more months to do. the time sure goes by fast down here.

I am going to try to find Jewell some souvenirs today. I'm afraid to send anything from town as she might have to pay too much duty on it. — will have to close now as one of the fellows here is going to the P. O. now — Happy new year —  
with love  
John