

Rex Hampton

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Well what did old Santa bring you. I guess he was good to you. It surely doesn't seem like Christmas out here. It's quite hot and it rains almost every day. It's all jungle around here and there are some jungle swamps. They are really bad. Well I'll wish you a happy New Year and hope you had a Merry Christmas. Thanks for the letter. I surely enjoyed hearing from you. A guy really looks forward to mail call out here. Well tell Shirley and Helen hello for me. I'll close for tonight.

Your cousin,

Rex H.

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