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Greetings from the boat to my dear wife and son this evening. Yes before I loaded about 14:00 they gave me three letters that you sent. It did my old soul good to hear from you again. The last letter was written by you just after I called you on the telephone.

I aimed to speak once more over the telephone with you but they gave me a surprise call and gave me time to get ready to meet the truck.

We are on the west coast so it is generally understood by us all that we are Tokyo bound. By thanksgiving they will have us set up on the

on the mainland of Japan  
is at least by Chinamen.

This ship is a large one  
nearly as large as a Moving  
Mountain. I would guess that  
there is plenty room for 20 or  
30 dance halls the size of the  
Danceate. Of course that is only  
a guess.

The Ware house right by the  
side of the boat looks like a  
cat to the side of a cow. But  
the warehouse was or is 10 or 12 times  
as big as the building you  
went through at the smelter  
in Toole -

Some of the Navy men  
claim that 5000 soldiers can ride  
in comfort on this job.



Did I tell you that  
I went to church in another sta.  
yesterday. I went with Ellen Sager  
and his Wife. Say you know they  
are a fine couple. I stayed with  
them Sat. night and went to S.S.  
and spent the day with them  
on Sunday.

I gave them your address  
in Logan & told them there  
was a bed there for them any  
time they hit Logan. They will  
Probably go to school at the H.C.  
the winter quarter, that is if  
they are released from the Army  
at that time.

I was in town all day and  
last week and havent bought  
a pencil. When I came on the  
boat I had to borrow this

from one of the ships crew.  
So you can thank a Sailor  
for this letter.

Well I have plenty time  
and will probably have more  
time in the days to come  
than any thing else so  
I'll sign off & see if I  
can find a mail box so  
this letter will reach you  
before I get too far -

Remember my Dear  
I love you - give the boy a big  
hug & kiss for me -

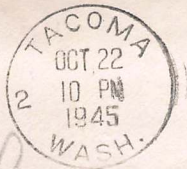
Keep on the smiling  
but -

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