

Nishinomiya Japan

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Dearest Wife & Son -

Stand by for a short line from this section of the good old earth this evening. The mail has started to catch up to us now. Two of the fellows in our room got a whole stack of air mail letters that was sent APO 21355 at San Francisco. It will be a happy day when my mail starts to come through regularly again. About 7-8 or 9 days will bring an air mail letter from you.

This morning I took a big old ugly comb and tried to cut it down to a pretty little barber type comb - but in all my spare time this day I still haven't accomplished the job. I have it small enough but a long way from smooth. I will have to get

some sand paper and smoothen
it down - Hair catches on it
like a rough finger nail-catcher
cloth.

This afternoon I had a Jap boy
do my washing - 3 Garments & Sox
& Handkerchiefs - Towel 1 neck piece
- I gave him 2 of my Cigarette ration
and a piece of Doublemint gum.
cheap enough but still it is worth
quite a bit to him - because
chewing gum can't be bought
for any price by them and
they can sell gum to Jap Civilians
for a good return. For example
\$1.50 for 1 Package of cigarettes
that navy men can buy for ~~1.50~~
55¢ 5½¢ per pack.

They have a PX that has
been open for a few days. This
afternoon I bought 10 pieces of
Wrigler Doublemint for 33½¢ -

Permits & sandy the other day
youm this day go along with
our regular meals we fare pretty
well. We can shower any hour that
we want so long as we wish to show
between 1400 & 1630 every afternoon

But we are lucky to have a good
place to shower in peace & quiet
around here. 2 years ago a fellow
did good to get water to drink
let alone to have a bath in.

Well all in all the Lord has been
pretty good to this old fellow all
along and given him the long
end of the measure in everything
I haven't received a thing in the line
of punishment that I didn't deserve
and the Lord has poured out blessings
that have been far above anything
I have deserved.

This evening there was a group
of Japs in the Shop & they taught
me a little bit of their language

If I could only remember -

$\rightarrow = 1$, $\equiv = 2$, $\equiv = 3$, $\dagger = 10$, $\dagger = 11$
eche nee Sahn joo
 $\rightarrow = 2$ people, $\equiv = 3$ things

That is just a few of the items that is for a fellow to learn and ~~remember~~ if he is going to get on understanding of the language.

Well this isn't much of a letter but it will carry my love to you and let you know that someone on this side of the world is thinking of you. May the Lord bless you with ever righteous desire of your heart and may this fellow ever be worthy of your love and companionship. I love you - Remember
Smile - LeGrand -

By the way on the way in the letter I haven't been keeping track