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Creetings my dear family,

This is evening again and in this same building as I was when I wrote you the last letter. There hasn't been much going on this day. The main thing we recieved a pass to get out of 3rd acre stockade for another short time. The time a fellow is out of the stockade he can rest on his own just a little bit.

Saturday 22 we sing for G.I.'s at Kobe - Sunday we sing for G.I.'s at Takarazuka. Then our singing and Practising gag is over. But I have 3 or 4 teeth that needs small fillings. My appointment with the dentist is thought to be good for a days pass from the stockade.

Don't that sound bad. for me to cook up 50 calories to get away for a few hours. but I got too much of

being scooped up for a long period on one little tract of land.

Well you can get a picture of the thing. take a spot as large as 3 or 3 acres - 3 times your folks land then put buildings on 2 acres and build a solid board fence around with two gates with 2-3 or 4 guards posted carrying loaded rifles with orders to allow no one to pass by with^{out} proper Pass - you read - eat sleep - exercise - go to school and 500 other things just as some officers command in the tone of voice

You Will Do this!! - and 500 other things just as a shepherd with a flock of sheep. If the sheep dont do just right he dogs them & that's the attitude the officers do.

There are 4 barbers in the camp One in each company - 3 barbers cut hair and nothing else - One barber fell out and died because of training right beside the other men then cut their



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on the side after hours - in his free time. That barber that got that break happened to be this fellow.

So one of the other barbers came by last evening and bid a big high price for my electric clippers so I turned them over to him. I doubled and $\frac{2}{3}$ a $2\frac{1}{2}$ times as much as I paid for them he bid so he got the lesson. Now I am right back to the hand clippers and shears that I left with.

Well perhaps I will run onto another pair somewhere - This time I will know just what to look for when buying. At least I think I know what I want. Maby another bug will turn up some place -
The most important thing

that I am looking forward to besides
living the simple life is to get home to
my family at the earliest possible
date.

It would be good that so many
fellows are returning home now
days. The more that arrive home
the more chance I will have of
getting out of this mess.

There should be a few jobs here
or there to pick up a few nickles
to gain the necessities of life
so we will be able to fare some
how even though this Army Pay
will end.

Well so long for this evening
Remember I love you my dears.
Keep smiling & keep the home fires
burning -
your husband,
Leland.