

4 Jan 1946

My Darling Wife & Sons,

Stand by this evening for a few short lines from this Side of the good old earth. The weather is what they call fair. A little bit on the order of Weather in Mont. in May & June. That is lots of rain. a few snow flurries occasionally but generally there isn't too much to speak so far as the weather is concerned.

Lots of boys over here are plumb happy this evening because we have been paid this day for the first time in 3 or 4 months. On our ship everyone received 5 - 20⁰⁰ bills but some of the ships never paid anything. No pay then for lots of fellows since they left the states. The barber deal for me on the ship and here in Japan has aided in my finance a lot. If I hadn't of received a few nickles now & again

from fellows for a hair out I would
have been broke all of the time.

These last few days - Since
Xmas have been long drawn out
weeks for some reason - They seem to
never pass. - But they are no longer than
the fast rolling nights I spent with
you back in the states. One Day in the
Not too far distant future This fellow
will be rolling in home - that is if it
is the will of the Lord and if I'm
worthy of that Blessing.

By now I suppose the boys are
growing and getting along pretty well
with their mother while she is home
with them - It will be a great old day
when we can be together once again -

This stay in Japan for me has
increased my desire for a home life
a great deal - I can think of nothing
so good as to be around my family -
unless it would be to attend the temple
3 or 4 sessions per week along with
being so I could see my family on the side.

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Time long time ago for a time to you my fine family. Time has been rolling by pretty fast still it has been a long drawn out process. Thanks my dear wife for sending the combs. I received the six combs that you mailed in the three air mail letters. They came through in good shape - Plumb good. and not even a tooth gone from any of them.

The things that are talked of most of all around here are - (1) Home & when we get to go Home. (2) Houses of Prostitution. ~~Home Sick and Home~~ - Sickness and Sickness that comes from an attack of Venereal D. Everyone has an attack from one or the other or Both. Up till now I have been effected by home sickness, but nothing any more serious.

Every chance I have of late to get out of this room I take.

Just to ride the electric train if
nothing else. There is two of us with
ideas nearly the same. We have been
seeing lots of Japan. which is lots
better than laying around these
rooms.

The Parting by the roadside came
with these fellows most of them
when we went on pass together and I
left them when they turned into the
~~House of~~ House of Post - And the Officers
over me believe in those things so as
a result there is friction between us.

Well I'll be back in Lion some day
along with fellows who believe along
the same line as I do.

Well it's bed time once again
Remember I love you's - at home -
Keep smiling -

Loads of Love -
Ted Grant.