



UNITED STATES NAVY

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Dear Mom,

We started into the bay 2nd morning & ~~and~~ anchored off Yokohama about 2:30 afternoon. according to the map there's another large bay in front of Tokyo bay.

The bay for several miles was really crisscrossed with ships - mostly merchant ships but plenty of them. There were a few aircraft carriers & other smaller navy ships of some sort or another. We stopped 2 or 3 miles from the city so couldn't see much of it except what looked like a lot of steel mills.

The next day was ~~so~~ foggy so I didn't see Mt. Fuji (the volcano) until 2 hours evening. It's about 40 miles or more from ~~us~~ it was probably too cloudy the day we came in. It was standing up pretty large & clear & from here appeared to be covered with snow down to ~~about~~ $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way to the bottom. So you can imagine how much of the base was hidden by the ground & hills between here & there.

We started out again at 8 AM yesterday morning. That was about 2 1/2 days there. of course we couldn't go as far. Now we're headed for something in the vicinity of Nagasaki which I hear is a redistribution center.

yesterday as soon as we got near the ocean again ~~we~~ started getting windy. we had about one of the strongest winds I think I've been in though the sky was clear. the waves were choppy + not too high, but quite a few were breaking against the ship. then the wind would pick it up + throw it all over the front of the ship we've had windy weather + spray before, but not as bad as this was. this morning the wind has died down some but its still pretty windy.

Today is still pretty cold, but the wind is ^{now 18 knots} about normal.

we've passed several little islands today, which seem to be nothing but rocks sticking up out of the water. we're due in tomorrow no guess this is the southern tip of the island.

they're going to give us a new APO no. when we get settled down, but until then use the old one.

Nothing else in particular to write about so this'll have to do for now.

Love
Jack

well, we've finally disembarked, but ^{sat} am at a replacement depot, so we'll be moving on to another place in a few days.

We got into Nagaya bay yesterday morning and moved up to the long pier that afternoon. There were several kids hanging around, a few barefooted, some with different kinds of leather shoes & sandals & some with wood sandals. There had a strap across the toes & one between the big toe to keep them on. I was rather surprised to see them made of wood.

We left the ship about 7 PM & walked down a little pier to the train. It might have been one of their best ones, but it was old & rode pretty good. It was similar to our old coaches, with straight backs, but was pretty clean & didn't look too old.

We went into the Nagaya station which was fairly large. It looked like a very town though we couldn't tell much about it at night. Then we took off to Okazaki, about 50 miles from there, where we got off, got on trucks & after about half an hour got to the camp.

From what I could see, they had

both narrow + wide streets here. we passed through one of the ~~very~~ narrow ones in the town. The houses there were built to the very edge of the street making it seem even more narrow. actually it was probably as large as Cherry St. like the British, cars + trucks drive on the left hand side of the road.

They say in this section the Japs are friendly. several of the boys on the train were swapping cigarettes for Jap money. you can't use american money here, so I turned some in this morning for exchange. they'll give it to us today or tomorrow + at its 15-1 we get quite a bit for 5 dollars. of course the price will be just as high.

I've been writing about the rough ground we've seen from the ship, but this section seems very level.

~~It was pretty calm here last night~~ + this morning, but the sun is pretty hot once it comes up.

They fed us last night when we got in + for dinner today we had turkey. It seems there weren't as many troops here for Thanksgiving as they'd expected. The food is fairly good, so it ~~doesn't~~ doesn't get any worse at our

5) next place will do ok.

at the present we're in a long building full of army cots - the old folding canvas type. I think this was a gop camp before & its rather cool, but however bad its much better than a tent. They're working around here quite a bit fixing it up so the camp will probably be pretty nice in another couple of months.

There are quite a few gops working here doing various things. one woman passed down the road with a baby fixed to her back with a blanket. I thought the Indians were the only ones who did that.

This is a replacement center for the 6th army so we'll be in the 6th army regardless of where we go to now. I don't know if there are any other armies over here or not. Its probably scattered all over Japan anyway so it doesn't mean much to know that.

I guess thats about all to write about at the present.

Love
Jack

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Here are 2 50 sen bills - (50¢) - they're worth
3 1/3 ¢ American each. I'll send you some yen
(which is their dollar) later on.