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Dearest Sweetheart,

My train has been delayed one day. I leave on the 29th. instead of the 28th. It will take me forty-eight hours to reach Yokohama. Then allowing for three days delay there I should be aboard ship by the 3rd of November. The trip will require ~~at~~ twelve to fifteen days. allowing the maximum, I should reach the States by the eighteen of November. By the 25th of November I should be discharged and home. That schedule sounds good but knowing the army I know it isn't a sure thing. But it is very possible. Maybe I'll be home for Thanksgiving.

I have been having a lot of fun since I arrived in Japan. I arrived here the 20th. The first three days were spent turning over the company and property to my successor. Since then I have been just roaming from place to place. I

have been trying to buy a silk Japanese Kimono but so far no luck. I carry a little jap dictionary around with me to talk to the people. I'll try to describe one place I went into.

I removed my shoes at the entrance, (a jap custom) and ~~and~~ followed the proprietor upstairs to a little room about eight feet square. The floor was covered with woven straw mats about two inches thick. There was no furniture in the room. For heat they had a small pot about a foot ~~high~~ high, and one foot in circumference ~~staying~~ burning about three little pieces of charcoal. There were four pillows on the floor. I squatted on one and he brought his goods in ~~to~~ to me. When I wanted to ask the price I consulted my little book and he would write the price on a piece of paper. They have only one price. I couldn't jaw them down. Surprisingly they don't have much of a black market

here on this Island. The Japanese Police see that all orders are carried out. I saw one Jap police man beat the tar out of a Jap civilian because he was smoking an American cigarette.

We have four inches of snow on the ground now but it is melting. After the middle of next month the ground will be covered with snow till May. The fellows remaining here are assured of a white Xmas this year.

I am mailing a Jap rifle with telescopic sight, Jap bugle, Jap binoculars, and other odds and ends. The rest of my souvenirs I will carry with me.

Coming home seems like a dream that I have always wanted to come true.

Oh Darling I have missed you so much.

Love,  
Wayne