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Dear Mom:

Am writing this from a ship, but it isn't going home wish it was. Have left my haystack for a few days but am hoping that the war will be over by the time we get back in again.

My promotion came in a few days ago and now Peter can go around and tell his classmates that his old man is a "Captain" - ought to be a proud day for him. Please tell me how he reacts to it as it would please me no end to have him think well of me. Guess that is the old ego in any father. It means too of an increase of fifty dollars in my pay - I will send you an extra hundred dollars every month beginning next month as changing the allotment will mean too much time and red tape., I asked Hank a few weeks ago to send me a few Captain's bars as they are hard to get here. Will you please pay him for it. I also asked him to send me a quart or so of soy sauce - it ought to come in very handy.

I have been looking for a good watch for you but so far have been unable to find one. I'll try to get you one later when the chance comes. Things in Europe are very difficult to get - even worse than the mainland. I would suggest that you see Eddie and try to get one through him. If you do, get a standard make or a popular make as many of these new watches on the market are difficult to repair due to the lack of parts. I am sure Eddie can get you a watch better than I can here -

I saw both Pete and Ben the other day. Both are well and the same - I am trying to get Pete as my assist - depends on the situation it would be a lot of fun too. I saw the Higuchi boy - of Pearl City - had a bowl of rice with him. I met him in the morning around a fire cooking some rice so joined in the eats. He is sure ok so please tell his folks.

I think our APO number will be changed very soon. Please keep on writing to this APO however until otherwise notified. Use the twenty cents stamp as they get here faster I notice.

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Well here we are in our new location, and latrine rumors have it that we will be here for quite a few days before we shove off to our new battle area. Only hope that the war be over by the time we get there - wherever we are. I have a hunch our next combat is going to be worse than we had ever experienced.

I am now installed in the basement room ~~66~~ a nice big room - not exactly big, but half finished. The basement has no floor so my assist and I laid bricks down and have installed our selves pretty cosily. I expect to have my clothes washed and then have a bath.

The boat trip was nice - I had a room and also had nice meals. We got into camp late at night and waited for the men to roll in the convoys, Stayeup all night waiting for them so conse-
quently, I am no good to day for anything.

Yet a few days here and we willbe gone for destination unknown-
Of course we know where it is, but cant say for reasons military,

That is all for today, mom - take care of yourself. Please
tell Sam about my promotion - and ask him to write to mom about
it as she willbe very proud.

Don't worry about dad, for personally I think we have seen our last
battle. Love to the kids -

love

Dad