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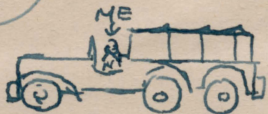
Dear Mom and Pop,

I received your stationary and a mail today. Thanks for sending the stickers too.

It certainly must have been funny when Hiro yelled "banzai" when he saw the soldiers. I hope they all had a nice time.

We have a half a day today because Saturday will be a full day.

We had a lot of fun this morning. We had driver lessons. I learned how to put a car in gear. I had John for my partner so he taught me how to shift gears. We learned how to drive on a ton and a half; six wheeled truck. It's a small Army truck used for moving troops. These trucks are different because they can have either two, four or six wheel drive. Ask To-chon he knows what it is. This is the way the truck looks



The shifting of the gears was a little hard for me at first because we have to double clutch before we can get it in gear. To-chon knows what



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double clutch means. There was a couple of other boys who didn't know how to drive but they sure was slow learning. Everytime they tried to put it in gear they would grind the gears. I think I learned faster because John knows what it's all about. I found that if you let the clutch pedal up easy while shifting it doesn't grind. The gears on these trucks are a little different because it has a compound. But other wise it's the same as a civilian truck or car. I think we're going to drive the jeeps next. Boy, I had a lot of fun this morning.

This afternoon it started to sprinkle a little so we stayed home. We all went to the day room and had a game of ping pong. Shiro and I were on one side and Ted and another boy was on the other. We laughed more than we played because Ted always missed the ball. Everytime we'd serve, Shiro and I would serve the ball low so Ted used to miss it all the time. He'd keep waving his paddle trying to hit the ball.



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We're on guard duty tonight again. I'm only staying in the guard house tonight again because I'm acting corporal of the guard. That means I don't have to do guard.

I'm still waiting to get that medal I won. We all are. I think we'll get it the early part of next week. I'm sorry I won't be able to show it to you, but you can see it when I come home on a furlough. Anyway I'll try to draw a rough sketch of it when I get it so you can see what it looks like.

Right now I think I'll just lie on the bed and read awhile.

I'll send those empty shells to you for the kids this Sunday. I'll just address it to ~~the~~ Freddy, ~~is~~ that OK? I'll put the slug in it too for you. It'll be in a envelope. Don't lose the slug cause I want it.

I'll write more tonight at the guard-house if I have time

Jack

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