April 8, 1951

From: Lieutenant Junior Grade James Anderson Broaddus

To: His parents

Location: I think written in Tokyo (this letter explains a lot)

Sunday, April 8

Dear Mom & Dad,

This afternoon four of us drove 30 minutes down the coast to Himeji to see the Himeji Castle. It was very picturesque and I shot about half a roll of Kodachrome. The castle, grounds and walks cover about 20 acres. The central building is seven stories high and of classical Jap design.

(See the scan of the letter below, to see James' sketch.)

The walks are sloped like this. The cherry trees on the grounds were blooming and the grasses green.

We ate at a Japanese Hotel about ten miles away from here—had No 1 dinner, consommé, lobster, chef's salad, kobe beef & vegetables, French pastries, and bananas (?). It cost us 900 yen apiece which is about \$2.75.

It's now 7:30 and we are leaving now to go to a party at the Pinecrest Hotel, the local DAC, WAC, and service billet. We met some of the girls from Pinecrest at the Osaka Officers Mess Saturday nite (sic) and they invited us to a party.

One stay in Kobe has been extended because the doors were not fixed properly – will probably be here 'til Thursday.

Got a letter from you this morning. It was good to hear from you.

Love, Jimmy Hy Broaddu USNR
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