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Letter directed to Judge & Mrs. James W. Broaddus
1001 West Gregory Blvd.
Kansas City 5, Mo.

Dear Mom & Dad,

I'll finish my story about the nite at Arima.

When we got back to the rooms, the maids were gone but our beds had been brought in. They were big thick quilted mats laid upon the floor with quilts on top. The pillows were simply thick pads covered with linen. Instead of going to bed, we decided to take another bath so down we went again. There was no one there. We stayed in the mineral water about 15 minutes and started leaving. The other two were dressed and gone by the time I got back to the dressing room. I dried off and just as I got on my kimono, the door opened and in walked the old men with their Geisha girls. One of the japs men, a jeweller, grinned and suggested that I go get the other two and come back down so everybody could take a bath together. I carefully explained that we were tired, and had to get up early, etc., and left as quickly as possible. The other were turning in when I got to the room.

The next morning we were awakened by the maids who came rattling in about 9:00. They hustled us off to the baths and when we got

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...had taken its place. We had ordered ham, eggs, and toast. Cookie had broken eggs on the ham & fried the whole thing straight up. The toast was good as was the coffee. We finished & put on our uniforms back on. Paid our bill. It came to about 5.00 apiece. At the door to the hotel we were met by what I think was the entire staff. The manager told me that we were the first naval officers to stay there and everyone wanted to see us off. Everybody said goodbye several times and then we too our leave. There was a big crowd around our jeep, too. More goodbyes. The jeep wouldn't start but a bunch of little boys pushed us 'til it did. We roared out of town and out of the mountains to Kobe. We had a wonderful time.

I'm going to Yokohama today and probably spend the nite there. I'll see if I can buy a post card there and send it to you.

Love,
Jimmy

2 June

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