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Dear Gorgeaus,  
I know I wrote only  
2 days ago but a lot has happened since  
then & I thought I'd write & let you know  
about.

First of all we arrived in Tokyo Bay  
this morning at 8 o'clock & I know we  
are at anchor about  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles out from  
Yokohama which is a big city about  
18 or 20 miles south of Tokyo.

The Japanese weather man steamed  
on a sunny rainy day for us to  
arrive in but we don't care as we hope  
to leave here next Monday & go  
home to good old America. Of course  
it's not official that we are going home  
but we all hope it's true anyway. We  
will know when we have three or  
the skipper always tells us where we

are heading for.

at present there are quite a few British & American battleships & cruisers & destroyers & 1 or 2 British aircraft carriers. Altogether it makes quite an impressive sight to see all these ships at anchor night in the middle of Japan's biggest anchorage.

This morning I heard a yankee man broadcasting home to the states. They were POW's up until yesterday & it was pathetic to hear them telling their families to stop worrying about them, one chap was that overcome that he broke down & started crying. I guess their people felt just the same as he did & also there are a hell of a lot more people who won't be seeing their boys again.

I just had a couple of lonely bottles of booze & there's another one on the way

for me. believe it or not, but when I get its grafts again, I'm not going on the run like I did last time. That's a promise so do me a favour & make sure that I don't break. Zook will be on the go & I think he has intentions of taking your dad on it too so you better warn him.

On the way up here from Manila we called in at Akinawa for fuel & gas that joint looks as if about a dozen tornadoes hit it with 1 of one little wave. It even gives me the feeling of death when I looked around it & saw the landing beaches where the yunks were killed by the wave when they landed.

Now my sweet little pidgin I must finish off my booze so chario for now  
lots of love. xxx  
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