

HOTEL TOR APARTMENTS

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Dear Mummy:

How are you and the rest of the household?
Was it a nice day at Ajiri yesterday? It was
exactly the kind of day I wanted. On the way
to Nagano we saw many devices set to
scare the crows away. One was a two
blade propeller that whirled when the wind
blew. Others were a bamboo pole with a
strip of cloth flying from it. At Nagano there
were a bunch of people, soldiers, and officers
at the end of each stanza they gave the
"Banzai!" This was for the soldiers and
officers going away from the town. At many
stations after that we saw the same thing.
They gave yells for every train that had
officers on it. After that we came to a
huge flat valley with many different villages.
Then we began to consume tea. Daddy
got some ice cream too. Later we got
some salted fish dried in an envelope,
and a package of salted beans. At Ajimi
we saw clay hills and many factories
making pottery. At the station we saw
many boxes and loads of fishes marked
Rangoon and Bombay. Later we came
into Nagoya which has the largest and
finest in all Japan. We waited a while
and Daddy got some food and I some
drinks. Then we got a hundred mom-
mes of those small sweet grapes for
15 sen. Then we went to the platform
and saw a troop train loaded with

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soldiers bound for Kobe. Of course the officers rode in a second class car which was hardly filled. It went off amid many cheers. In about 15 minutes our train came and of course it passed the troop train at the next station or two. At Kyoto and Osaka the soldiers who came to see the officers crowded so close to the train that the station men had to push them back. At last we came into Sannomya station at Kobe. Daddy was aboard the boat and his suitcase were behind us but the same ahead of us on an express from Nagoya. We went to the Mission House ^{apartments} but it was full so we went to this Hotel Tor a few doors away and got a satisfactory room for ¥3.50. We had a nice long sleep in a comfortable bed. We then got some things for me. In the afternoon I went to the dorm. Everything was fixed up nicely. The only trouble at school is that I need a Bible and a dictionary. I received the brown sweater and your package. Thanks a lot. Love to all.

Morton.