

OWEN

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Dear June,

The day of liberation is drawing closer all the time. The way I have it figured, I will be on my way no later than the 20th of this month. It doesn't hardly seem possible that all the 30 pointers are gone but I knew that it would come someday.

If I do leave by the 20th, I should be home and out of the army by the 20th of Feb. The time has gone by pretty quick in one way but in others, it has really dragged by.

Well I have been acting 1st Sgt. for a week now and they haven't thrown me out so if I am real lucky, I may get the stripes before I come home. I sure do hope so, as it would make it a lot easier for me coming home. Then too, I hadn't advanced any

since I was home last so I imagine
you all had begun to think I was in
as out.

I am really doing a lot of extra
work but it seems like the time goes
a lot faster when I am working. On
the weekends I am going to start spending
the nights at the Plaza Hotel. You
should see the place, the army has
taken it over and are using it for a
rest camp. It is located up on a
mountain and overlooks the city
of Nara. It is just like a resort
hotel back in the states and really
a wonderful place to spend a night.

Well I must close and get
to bed so be looking for me next
month. Write soon and take good
care of yourself. Tell everyone I love
and that I will be seeing them
shortly.

Lots of love,
Your Brother
Owen.