

are about twice as expensive as at home.

Please don't send me ~~anything~~ any packages from home, I don't need anything and if I did I could get it here very easily. Packages are very slow, they take about 3 or 4 months - sometimes 6 months.

Please tell me if any of my letters have been censored in any way. I've tried not to put in anything that would be cut out.

It's wonderful how cheap most things are. About two weeks ago we all were issued a lot of clothing, most of it didn't fit too well. So we took everything over to the tailor who has his shop near where we live. He made the necessary alterations for about 4 cents per garment. Laundry, in contrast to conditions at home, is wonderfully cheap and quick. The cost of a week's wash is about 15 cents, and you can get 24 hour service if you insist upon it. The laundry is pretty hard on the clothes, though, they have no washing machines so they stand in the dirty river and beat your shirts on rocks - why they don't tear them to bits is more than I can see, but they seem to get them clean and ~~so~~ most of the time they come back whole.

I'm as healthy as ever, and really enjoy the dry heat here.

With Lots of Love,

Sam