

Washington on board  
Steamer "Matilda"

Sunday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 64

My Darling wife

I did not  
get my papers around in  
season so have got to go  
on this move, and we do  
not know yet where we are  
to go. I expect I will get  
my papers as soon as  
we all land again and  
the Corps is together  
again - Dr Hollman the  
Corps Surgeon wanted to  
examine me personally  
or I should have got  
my discharge all right,  
you can write me again  
and direct as usual.  
It was a very sudden move