

Monday -

Dear Ken: Sorry I'm so bad about writing but the hours go by so fast & there's so much to do that I can't seem to get down to write - esp. cause once I start doing that there's so much to write that I never seem to finish.

You showed me Michi's nose - she climbed up on the running board of a car that was parked near the Shikaras - & running board being as they are nowadays (it's real narrow) she slipped off & fell right smack on her already near-~~non-existent~~ smeller - took the skin off of that & her forehead - Boy, what a picture - she's been wanting to pull the scab off ever since & yesterday when I went home during her nap she managed to tear it off piece by piece - Sads, when I got back she was bleeding & the sheet was all red - didn't bother her a bit. In fact - she's very proud of her injury & keeps pointing at it when people come around. The other day she was bad during meal time so I told her that Daddy would scold her too & she promptly lies at me (Big innocent eyes - smile, all over) & says "No more daddy - Bye Bye" and then waves her arm around in a curve & goes ~~mmmm~~ - (pretending she's a truck) - & calmly went on being bad.

she seems to remember you or at least your departure.
• or lately very often says "Hello, daddy." Guess
she wants to see you again too.

She & the Janitawa girls (it's vacation now) went to
pick wild flowers late this afternoon - & she came home
so happy - her hands full of primroses - put them
in water & admired them until she fell asleep.

I've been sewing her some clothes & today just about
finished an ungandy (stiff, & sheer material) blouse -
all of a sudden I noticed the collar & it was cut
right in the front - Miki was playing at the sewing
machine & I guess the scissors cut for a change -
Am I disgusted.

K. III is now standing by himself - he gets so
happy when he sees it that he claps his hands &
shouts real loud - which of course usually sets
him off balacee & down he goes. Golly, he'll be
walking soon at this rate. - (He has a ninth
tooth now.

Mr. & Mrs. Narumi left on the eve of the 18th they were
supposed to go on the 19th but about 5 o'clock in the
aft. they got a notice to be ready by 7:30 that
night because the train was coming at 8:00 -

(actually it didnt come until 10:30 - a special
 sequeze train) Mrs. Nunami came over a few
 minutes after she got the notice & completely
 fell apart which didnt help me at all because
 I hated to see her go - knew it was going to be
 awfully hard to say goodbye & ^{had} sort of steeled
 myself but when she broke down so completely -
 well, I did too. I didnt want to see her off (the
 truck picked them up here) but since everyone was out side
 I decided it wouldnt be so good for me not to be there
 too - so I went & when she saw Nishi & the
~~she~~ ^{she} practically fell apart again - I sure feel bad &
 really miss her a lot. Its funny though - I'm
 getting acquainted with myself again after 2 years
 & find I really dont get as lonely as most people
 expect me too - sure, I miss not having someone
 next door but theres really a lot to do around here
 & the idea of not having anyone to talk to isnt
 too appalling - I've been alone a lot in my life -
 but I certainly want to see you again soon - see, honey -
 I'm in you pretty much - its funny I miss Mrs.
 Nunami more than I do your sisters!

Tuesday

My glasses cant be fixed here because there's no
optician here any more - I'm tempted to send them to Tali
& have him have them fixed for me - I get a lot of headaches
& start seeing half.

John Kanerino (?) is going on a trip - & probably will
go to N.Y. so I gave him your address - he made some
prints of your work down at the office & brought them
in this noon - said he couldn't find the one of the
store - only a detail of the trees - I think that's
what it was. But almost everything else has been
made so should you see him thank him for doing
it - I really asked him to ask Shuro but he did
it himself.

Min is in camp now - trying to find workers & having
a pretty tough time - He had to wait a full month
before he got an okay from the War Food Administration
to get workers so they could go out on seasonal
leaves - ~~also~~ - with this okay the gov. pays all
transportation + providing for nec. medical attention.
It seems to me the W.F.A. would rush through these
requests cause golly if you need workers you
need them right away - not a month after you
ask for them. So a lot of the people around here

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committed themselves to other people who are farming -
he came in today & told me he's got one guy - & he
wants ten! He looks very well - & apparently is
working pretty hard

Now please read the following carefully &
answer the questions I ask in the letter you
write after you get this:

What shall I do with your tool box? - Send it
by baggage or by freight - this is
~~just in~~ ~~preparation~~ to help me in my getting
things in order as I pack - I think we're
only allowed 150 lb. apiece - me & Miki
so if it goes over that we ditch it - all
freight is paid by the W.R.A. Shiro has
returned your tools.

What shall I do with Kanzo's bed? Can't it
be brought along so he'll have something to
sleep in when we get there or leave it
here & buy another there? He's using
a g.i. one now but I didn't give the
other away

I now have a wonderful box for the books & papers -
Mr. Hinrich made it on Sunday - its about 12"
high & 3 ft. long about 12-14" wide - its
going to be awfully heavy - my fault because I
first grabbed a piece of wood & said about this
long & it, turned out to be a good size box -
He also made a box for the blankets & our wooden clothes -
lined it with fiber board - its swell but plenty
heavy empty. These two will take care of most of
the stuff to be boxed I think - I'll have to have a
couple of crates made - in fact several crates for
table, sewing machine (aint ours but I'm using it now)
play pen, buggy - your nails, wire etc. etc. - pots
pans etc. I dont think will have too much stuff -
everyone who's come in is convinced I'm going to have
a helluva lot but I really dont think so - its
just a matter of repacking, sorting etc - .

I wonder what I'm supposed to do with the radio -
Wah left it with me so I winednt get too
lonely - it works pretty well now.

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oh - They didnt know what to do with the Fan
(your brothers big one, I mean - the small one I'll
return to Tok) I said we could use it but Wah
was kinda dubious about letting us have it, then
said well - see what Ken thinks. Don't you think
we can keep it?

I'm going down to see Hansu tomorrow & ask him
about Miki's ticket again - find out if anyone
can go (you see Miki isn't entitled to any kind of
ticket yet - in fact doesn't have to pay - but this is
special & I don't know whether the person using it
will have to be relocating from here or not) Maybe
I'm being kinda dumb but I'd better find out cause
it'll make a lot of difference - if anyone can go?
Can't ask me if my sister if they're interested -
Mrs. Yamaguchi was talking to me yesterday & said
she wanted to go see her son (Connect. - Yale) during
his summer vacation - today - starting June 1st -
but couldn't decide whether she wanted to go that
far by herself. She would be quite nice to travel

with - & the good part of it ~~is~~ is she wants to stop
in Chicago for a couple of days - too - has relatives
there. If it ~~turns~~ turns out that she goes with
me - please note the date - June 19th is the
beginning of the vacation - we would probably leave
a day or two before that which brings things pretty
close. You probably suspect by now that I do
definitely want to get out in June - no more
fooling around with 2 months or anything - it's
just going to be too damned hot to travel
with kids - & they're plenty tough to handle
under nice weather in a train.

About a house - we don't have to have one with
3 bedrooms or even 2 for the present - (we've
been living in one room) - just so the place isn't
too broken down - usually costs too much
to have things fixed - & has some sort
of fence around it - that's to keep Willie in -
& probably K III at the rate he's going - It

I hold his hand when he's standing by himself
he takes very sure steps - so he'll be walking before
we know it. - Gully is he rough & tough - the
more noise he can make - voice or otherwise - the
happier he is.

Mrs. Janikawa is planning to go out - Dinner is ~~to be~~ done
but is planning to wait ~~until~~ until I leave! - she told
me tonight that she decided that though she may not
be a lot of help at least she can do something about
the kids when I'm busy so decided to wait until
I leave before she goes. - all of which was very
nice of her - ~~But~~ all of the above is true - I'd be
absolutely lost without her & her kids - esp. since
Mrs. Karamin has gone. She isn't the type of person to
say things to make people feel good - she's a nice
very christianlike ~~for~~ person & incidentally
very helpful - you know, her husband was
in War I for 20 months - overseas.

Oh - How should your prominent bump be
wrapped or cradled?
Should I give the Puppets to someone? or

bring them along so Miki + Kaigo can
play with them someday?

Shall I have my thesis + box of books etc.
send here from the Nursery now - or
wait till later?

you, will certainly having our share of dust storms
this year - if it isn't dusty it's hot as
hell - golly am I dark now -

In another envelope I'm sending some pictures
& negatives - too bad you had to give yours
to Mrs. Shima - oh I thought ~~the~~ a pair of
shoes on Easter he can't wear them any more! -
he's about 28 1/2" tall now & probably weighs about
22 pounds. - maybe more - He's big - big
hands - big feet. Too bad I don't have any new pictures.

What was Mr. Mitchell doing in N.Y. Isnt Jean
Smoha married yet?

Hope you've sent my mother something - I think I
suggested candy - but cookies are really better.

I think it's a good thing you aren't able to come back
very easily - your trip would not be very pleasant -
god damn it - the way some people talk around here

maybe I have to expect it simply because things
are being done in Japanese style - What makes you
think I simply take it - I've done plenty of talking
to try to get them to shut up

I gave Kanzo a piece of toast with butter on it ^(1/2 in long & 1/2 in wide)
and he's so cute - holds the piece with 2 fingers
and sticks out his long tongue & carefully
licks the butter.

Well - better close it's pretty late - 1:30 -
tomorrow another day - golly sometimes I'm
sure I couldn't carry another bucket of
water but somehow manage - The beds
get so dirty now that I have to tote 2 buckets
instead of the previous one. It's getting sort of
chilly at night so I'm still carrying coal
too - Mandman my arm looks like
a female's tanager's.

So when I leave I'm going to have to do
some "over" for all the help in packing etc.
I think its only right - I havent gotten
much help yet but as soon as things get
started I'll simply have to call on anybody
available.

Will - see you sometime -
Love

Lois

I got a letter from Miss Gladding - I'll enclose
it in the other envelope - Luntia Nelson sent a
card with her new address on it ~~is~~ in March
sometime - I wondered what she was doing
in Pasadena - pretty well if you ask me.

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