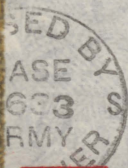


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Mother's Day
8:00 P.M.

Dear Yuri -

Am writing again to tell you that both of your letters came yesterday. Thanks a million for the Easter gift. Unlike neckties, handkerchiefs are always good to get. Did get a kick out of the sentence, "hope that it won't be late for the sake of greetings." But it wasn't your fault that it took nineteen days, so thanks a lot again.

It was good seeing the gang consuming the news of their accumulated letters. One of the fellows received fifteen letters from his one and only, a letter a day ever since he left Minnesota. Seeing and hearing each and everyone of them asking if any letter had come for them, day after day, since leaving Savage, has made me realize the importance of news from home and friends. Sometimes I wonder which of the two are more important, receiving letters or pay envelopes.

Heard from Sgt. James Tsunamoto also. He's the U.C. grad. from San Leandro - the fellow with a twang in his voice. He writes from the finance office in Crowder where I used to be. He writes that the office is now training WAACs to do finance work. Should be a cinch

for them cause it's easy work. All the finance department work in Minneapolis were done by women. Sure glad that I went to Savage when I did.

Planning to visit our home in Mt. Eden as many times as possible. If there is anything you or your family would like to have me do at Hayward, please don't hesitate to ask. It won't be no trouble 'cause I can get a car at home.

Today is Mother's Day. Here's hoping that all will be over by the time another one rolls around. That's not a remote wish when you see the progress made in Africa. Your desire to learn the language sure is commendable. It takes a lot of will power and initiative. Keep trying, Yuri, you'll never regret having spent your limited time for that purpose.

Due to the lack of time just couldn't squeeze in Mt Davidson last Easter. Didn't even go to any service, but Emi Hnoki wrote and said that you had gone together. Met Emi thru Lak. Saw that her block number was 9E20 asked her to drop in at 6F, not knowing you two had already met. As the saying goes, "It's a small world."

Will write in detail about Hayward when I go back again. Will try to drop into Milton's. Almost time for the lights to go out so will close now. Yoshito