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Dear Yuri:-

Was certainly glad to hear from you the other day - Gee I wondered and wondered what happened to the Wanotas. Now - since I heard from you all my question is answered.

So you're in Recreation - eh. But it must be fun - but loads of extra work is involved - me. I find working in the Mess Hall loads of fun - a swell bunch of boys and girls. It's funny how this camp life makes everyone so charming. Guess we have no choice this - me.

This camp life I find is quite demoralizing. Sure is bad for the growing children. There are days I'm simply disgusted and then again - I perk up a bit with the "can't help it" attitude. But gee - Yuri - Mt. Eden and Hayward misses us - I bet.

Loads of your friends are here - I know. Margaret Saito for one - Mrs. Wane Satsum, and the others there must be waddes that you know. Anyhow I see a lot of Cal caps and ~~things~~ ^{things}.

By the way Shibatas finally evacuated to Marysville and the Nakashimas to Wenas. The Iuchijes are here - and I think just about all the rest of the Eden Township -

including the Okadas. By the way
Shige Kawahara (former) went to Illinois to
be with her husband, Iwema (former)
is in Missouri with her husband, Iwama Nida
is in Philadelphia - rest of the Nidas are here
exception of Sus who is at Santa Anita
assembly center with his wife. Sus is
sad how ~~all~~ our community has scattered.
I hope this war will hurry and end so that
we once again can go on ^{from} where we left.

My sister of Sacto went to Mansfield
Assembly - she tells me it's plenty hot there
now and poor Arlene seems to feel the heat
the worst. Of course it's hot, dusty and windy
there - here too is quite dusty and windy
but not hot - almost cold. I suppose all
assembly centers are about the same -
no matter how nice or how bad the
assembly place is - it just will not
compare with the Nakagawa's shack
in Mt. Eden.

There has been loads of birth and
two deaths at Tanforan. Johnny Minami's
new born baby died - which was very
tragic. Mrs. Dave Tatsuno had a baby
boy - oh gosh - so many women
with large tumours. This camp life
must be terrifically hard on them.

We may yet get a pass to Colorado. Tho' Mom is fine - enough food and all her friends are here I think she misses the family way of doing things. Anyhow - I sure miss it.

I never knew there were so many Japanese until I came here - look no matter where you look - loads of Japanese children - just brimming over with the little folks. Next week - well - all along school has been opening and the little boys and girls have been going. By next week I guess the educational ~~side~~ field will be running smoothly. Shigeo Mituyoshi of Inverton is taking care of the 1st 2nd and 3rd grades. Recreation too have begun - soft ball, badminton etc are in full swing. Fox plays ball with the Miss Hall group - and gee - I found out that he is pretty good and that he sure has a hefty swing. I too am going to play for the girls team - just for fun. I need a little slimming - I'm getting much too fat. Working in the Miss Hall is 'nt hard I find and really too much time to munch on food - especially when the cooks are so swell.

I heard from Sat the other day - she is in Rocky Ford having a pretty boning time - looks like - u. Well - a busy life she led in S.F. and Los Angeles is pretty damn hard to compare - don't you think? At least she's free to do whatever she pleases while we can't do much behind the fence - Can we.

I'm just dying to go shopping to San Francisco but I'm so busy with this social whirl that I just can't find time to go. Oh - I forgot myself - thought I was in Mt Eden. But Gee - there are so many things we need that I didn't get - that I've been having American friends doing all the shopping. Gosh. I have to write in full details just the type of jacket I want etc - whereas if we could only go shopping it would only take a few minutes. Shucks!! What a life!

I hope that all the Donatos are all well and comfortable. I've been just sitting off so - please write and tell me how everything is at Merced. Anyone - I know?

As ever
Gene Roin

P.S. Regards to Wak - hope you two didn't get sick again. We've been having trouble with this Army food, too.