

After 5 days, return to

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Sunday, August 8th

Dear Yuri,

I can't tell you how delighted I was to hear from you. It came yesterday afternoon, and I read it avidly, thinking all the while how bad I've been, neglecting you all this time. So much has happened since the last time we saw each other! And to think you remembered my birthday - gosh, Yuri, I'm getting so old - I'm really getting self-conscious about my age now. The next one means a new member in front - ooh! I hope it's a long year ahead!

From Oakland to San Francisco, to Tule, and then here, and very soon, I hope, to Philadelphia. While at San Francisco and again at Tule, I just didn't feel like writing much, but after

#8 August, 1884

Dear Jim, I can't tell you how delighted I was to hear from you. I remember yesterday afternoon and I read it carefully, thinking all the while how bad I've been, neglecting you all this time. I've never had a letter since the last time we saw each other. I don't think you remembered my birthday - poor Jim, I'm getting so old - I'm really getting old now. I'm sure about my age now. The next one means a new number in front - out - I hope it's a long year ahead!

I'm looking to Japan, and there's a lot to be done, but I hope I can go again to Japan and again at the first chance I get. I like writing much, but after

getting here and being separated from all my friends, I've practically started to do some writing. People are moving so fast, it's quite a problem trying to keep up with them all.

Well, Jim, where shall I begin. Japan is so far away now, even though certain bits of memories are still quite vivid. Suffice it to say, we lived in those horrible horse stalls with quarters that even a horse would be insulted with - we managed to go through it somehow, and when the Doctors Fogasaki were assigned to Iule I decided to go along with them because I really felt that I could learn more being with Doctor Yoshizawa than I would going along with my parents. I spent some happy days at Iule, among of course the spinning

of sad experiences, like the  
times when we bid goodbye to  
friends whom we would perhaps  
never see again - many who had  
become very dear. I worked with  
a group of very intelligent young  
fellows, mostly pre-medical students,  
who were waiting to go to school  
somewhere in the East. It was  
very stimulating and loads of  
fun. There were quite a number  
of nurses and young doctors our  
age who used to drop over for  
bridge or tea in the evenings,  
so we managed to enjoy our  
stay there very much. In fact,  
I really didn't want to leave Tule  
for this center, except that all  
the worth while people were leav-  
ing Tule for the outside anyway  
at the time. And now, since  
I had nothing definite in mind  
at the time anyhow, I'm rather  
glad I ended up here. The Japenese  
were unhappy at Tule - you know,

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the jealousies that are bound to  
spring from men and women  
working together who have strong,  
independent ideas. Well, as a  
last straw, the Japans left  
for Manzanar. I could have  
gone with them and might have  
except that I was deciding it  
was high time I was relocating  
instead of wasting my time in  
camp. So I asked for transfer  
to join my parents, hoping to  
leave almost as soon as I  
arrived here. That was a full  
3 months ago and I am still  
here. I have decided that the  
East Coast will be better than  
midwest for opportunities to  
further myself and Philadelphia  
because there are a few friends  
at least.

I was trying to persuade Tak  
to go East with me, but now  
that Emi is going out there  
I presume Tak will decide to

stay put. Gee, I wish someone  
could go along with me, but  
that is really too much to hope  
for, I guess. Sammy tried to  
persuade me to go to St. Louis  
and for a while I thought it might  
be best, but since then I've  
changed my mind. Frankly, I'm  
rather afraid to take the chance  
with the reputation the East  
has for low salaries in my line,  
and I'm going out there to look  
for work, you see. The WRA in  
Philadelphia told me to go out  
there and they would arrange  
interviews for me. It seems better  
than to negotiate and find employe  
and employe disappointed.

In fact, a many who have gone  
out my father, Leo, told me  
about seeing you in Denver  
last December. He was here  
again about 2 weeks ago  
another fullough. At present he's  
at Camp Phillips, Kansas. He has  
been promoted to sergeant, but  
no commission seems possible.

yet unless he volunteers for the  
Combat Unit which we don't think  
is necessary just yet. He has  
finally been allowed to work in  
the dental laboratory and is grate-  
ful to be working with a very  
sympathetic dentist, his superior.  
However, the camp is scheduled  
to break up in September, so  
from there his destination is  
unknown.

Margarette Fujita is still  
here too, doing medical social  
work at the hospital. She has  
been trying desperately to find  
a partition outside too, but it  
seems to be very discouraging.  
In fact, so many who have gone  
out have been greatly disappointed  
and many of them won't even  
write. Iyo Yamashita Tamaki and  
Min, her husband, are in Evanston,  
Illinois and very discouraged.  
They are both in a family quar-  
rel and Min has been looking high  
and low for a job somewhere.

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Aya Mineta Ende is expecting  
a baby any day now, I under-  
stand. May Nonaka is study-  
ing in Chicago and finishes  
school this month (Secretarial).  
Masa and Kim Obata left  
about 3 weeks ago for St. Louis,  
so Sammy's very happy. Chayo  
Nonaka is still here and doesn't  
intend to do much until her  
father's status is cleared. Thank  
heaven, Keech is still here and  
living in our block, so I see  
quite a bit of her, but then she  
has a baby and husband, so I  
don't like to take too much of  
her time. Her little girl is get-  
ting so cute - she's very bright and  
full of energy. <sup>was one of the</sup>

Yuri, we think you're very  
fine to be so devoted to your  
father. It seems rather unfair  
that you and Wok should have  
to shoulder the burden, although  
I suppose you don't consider  
it such. I know you would have



relocated much earlier, had you had the opportunity. You would by any chance, be considering Philadelphia, would you?

Yes, I know Mary Shibata Fujita quite well - she is an old family friend. I'm glad to know she's well and as attractive as ever.

Yuri Yugel (the nurse) should be there. Do you know her? She was in the hospital, last I knew, with paralysis - gosh, that certainly was a pity though. Please tell them all, especially Yuri, that I wanted to be remembered to them.

Dechie is married to Dr. Mas. Seto who was one of the eligibles at Tule. They're very much alike so will probably get along.

All of my friends from here have left - Keech is about the only friend I have left - so, I spend my time working

... in Chicago and founded school this month (Secretary). ... about 3 weeks ago for St. Louis ... very happy ...

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at the hospital, reading, and doing  
what sewing I can. The weather  
here is very much like what  
you have - very hot especially  
during afternoon and evenings,  
so not very conducive to work  
of any kind.

People are getting ready to  
leave for July now and very  
soon we should be having some  
excitement again.

Gee, Yuni, I know I haven't  
told you all I wanted to, and  
my letter is getting very long, so  
I'll close now and write again  
soon. Please forgive me for  
having failed to write for so  
long - I'll keep up this time  
for sure. Hells to Wak and the  
rest of the family that I know.

Love,

Margaret