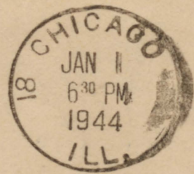


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New Years Day

Dear Yuri

Here it is the first day of 1944 and as I write this I hope that things will be much better this coming year, perhaps peace at least on one side of the earth but on the other it seems as tho it will be a long drawn out affair, well at least the day is nice and sunny so it may mean a good omen I hope and pray that it will be.

How different was this New Years in this strange city and among strangers from the ones in the past, last night four of the fellows in the house got together and gabbed for awhile and went to bed at 11 P.M. There are so very few people from our district in Chicago I'm practically all by my self, I have made few new friends but no matter how nice they are the old ones still remains the best and can never take their place.

Here I am talking about myself and haven't even told you how nice it was to hear from you. What is the latest doings with you - any progress in re-education? With your training and experience I shouldn't think it would be too hard to find a good job, even the W.R.A. would need someone in a populated city to aid and check up on the Japanese have you ever given that line any thought? Did you mention recreation - what does it mean? While I was in camp I thought to my self once I'm on the outside I was going to do this & that and now that I have the opportunity to do all the things I haven't got the ambition. Things I used to enjoy back home such as plays, concerts and bowling doesn't hold any attraction



any more. Perhaps it's because I'm so tired out after the days work and so inconvenient to go any where in the place. As for reading it is confined to the newspaper, Readers Digest and life and haven't seen a book since leaving camp, in the evenings I usually listen to the radio and write letters - no matter how much I write I'm always behind schedule so it keeps me occupied all the time. Every once in a while I take in a show for a change.

Christmas - Ken Ota and I was invited up to your brother's for dinner and we had a very pleasant time. It seems as tho the old West is having a unusual winter and the day was nice & sunny and we took some pictures of the family group.

Yes Alice was married to a former Stocktonian Joe Trunkawa who is now stationed at Fort Riley in Kansas. You know it seems strange to see her married, I always picture them as my <sup>little</sup> nieces but gosh they're all grown up now. Haven't heard about Kay or Mike as yet.

I heard from Ed Short our Pot Stillie dealer from Ft Seattle and he mentioned there were Japanese back there already so he wants me to come and work for him again. Ordinarily I would jump at the opportunity but just now there's number of things me has to consider. He is coming to Chicago sometime in January and after talking with him and all the arrangements are satisfactory to us both and if the Western Defense Command will let me I may go to Seattle.



I can't say too much for Chicago but at least the people are quite decent towards the Japanese, we can go around with out the fear of being kick out but in the West Coast things I imagine will be quite different.

Well Yuri I think that's just <sup>about</sup> all for now so write soon and best wishes for the New Year.

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