

July 7<sup>th</sup>

Dearest —

The heat has been terrific! 103-5° and  
 lasting late — today it seems somehow humid.  
 I don't think it will be long before our baby. Not  
 only has the doctor said "anytime" but I sort of  
 feel extra certain to do the slightest things.  
 I've had what was in P's case "the show"  
 since last evening but no birth pains yet.  
 In P's case I had it at 10 AM, birth pains  
 around 8-9 PM, same day, 10-15 min apart  
 at 2 AM when we went to the hospital, &  
 she was born 10:05 AM next morning. I  
 guess labor is shorter by several hours &  
 interval bet. show & commencement of  
 contractions shorter for subsequent births,  
 but so far, no news.

I must wash my hair today &  
 see that everything is OK here so I can  
 go any minute I need to. With Partha &  
 Papa they can take care of P. Papa did it  
 alone except for washing & M can do that.

No letters this AM except Ben's & Joppy  
 Times — will send JJ with Relocation News to  
 you.

Partha may be a good lab technician &  
 research scientist, but she is very inexperi-

enced nursemaid & acts pretty helpless  
with P. Her prattle is hard to catch if  
you try too hard. Most of the time P.  
isn't saying anything but just "talking"  
anyway.

Fred Hishiyama is in camp on way to  
SF to catch boat to Honolulu for 3  
wks. assignment. He's going to Delta so  
I asked him to get me fresh fruit - lots of  
it. Hope he can get a good selection.  
And not get too many oranges. Forgot to  
say we get oranges for Pinkie.

Well I'm getting a backache so  
I'll write again.

Love from me  
and Pinkie -  
she can say Daddy quite distinctly.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
10 PM

Dearest Darling -

Pookie has been under the weather today - probably some stroke from a trip clear out to the picnic grounds with Papa yesterday. She had poor appetite & was feverish but after a nap & aspirin her fever came down. I gave her plenty of juices & rice & water & she is tired & asleep.

She whimpered & cried all afternoon. Papa was supposed to bring her back in yet 1/2 hr. but was away 3 hrs. because he followed the crowd out to the picnic area in a picnic with heat dog.

But I guess she'll be OK tomorrow.

I gave another carton of cigarettes, this time Philip Morris to Dr. Sugiyama. Pretty cheap for showing me from what ever may have happened. He may not have appeared but you home from the Hop. without his examination recently.

year of 1901  
repeated I'd have an  
easy time of it - this time  
second child & all so I guess I  
shouldn't worry. after all, many  
babies are born without doctors  
& hospital facilities at all.

My sister's going on his vacation  
at 3:00 AM July 17<sup>th</sup>. He says I went  
with Martha and they talked a  
little about Easter & midwestern  
campuses and her work, etc.  
He was in the midwest for some time  
and has been thru a lot of towns.  
He looked tired & in need of rest.

They served us watermelon & huge  
pieces of it. Two Pinks didn't like it.  
My brother this season.  
I guess I won't be having my baby  
while he's here but I have hope so & it'll  
may be the way I feel. Martha does daily  
wash & also bucketful of dishes every day. She  
enjoys the food here. We had steak tonight,  
also long cream suffe. It was all pretty good. Fred  
Holmes went to St. City on lecture trip - returning tomorrow.  
Then he's here he shows up nearly every day. Bought cherries & plums  
from Delta & it cost \$1.00 for two tho' it was quite a lot.

Dearest Tommie:

Don't kid me, I'm sure the new born will be a wonderful companion for Pinkie, - maybe a boy this time, huh? What'll you name him? Who is to be in charge of Pinkie when you leave for the hospital?

We in the M.F.O. won't go to the French Riviera in large numbers Tommie, a couple from this unit at a time only. We are sent to rest centers in Italy, the Italian Riviera and resort towns. I've been on a four day pass to one rest center, the #2nd center at San Pellegrino, live a tourist life for the time. We aren't occupational troops, so we are now bivouacking on the outskirts of Lecco, just killing time. Passes to Milan and excursion to Como are daily given out to 15%.

June 26

Just can't for the life of me seem to remember what I said re: baby.

don't know what these initials stand for

of this company, plus the rest enter passu, as  
a large number of the boys are out seeing a  
tourists view of Italy. Tonight 50+ from my Co.  
is in Milan to see Frank Sinatra's show. I'm  
going on the excursion to Comè tomorrow, we're  
having a easy time of it now. Lake Lucio is a  
mile away from here, and we go swimming and  
boating on it, we have free movies nitely, and  
a operetta plays in town, it beats the French  
Riviera (Nice), where I lived for two weeks  
at the Metropole Hotel as a M.P. on detached service  
from the 442, for things to do -- I did live a  
better life in France, for we usually lived in  
houses, but I'm not complaining now, this set-up  
is a bit of all right!

<sup>It was Hashiguchi on last pm look  
said so. to someone in Japan</sup>  
your source of info about the boys volunteering  
for Pacific is not reliable, it's not true! M.C.S.  
is asking for 300 volunteers right now, a recruiting  
officer is here to sign them on, but the response  
is slow for most of us have had enough of combat,  
and don't want to see more unless we're ordered  
to. We may be sent to troops staying over  
here a year or more, we won't have any such  
chance because we are slated for a return to  
the States before a year. Can't be certain when  
shipping for us will be available, but it'll be  
within a year I'm sure! Guess they'll be

<sup>reconditioned for the Pacific  
they're anyway - H.H.  
would be useful for invasion  
of Japan</sup>  
I heard from Alif a week ago, just a brief  
note, but glad to hear from him anyway -  
Hoping for a early return home, it's been a  
long time since I've seen my friends.  
Love to Pinkie and B, Ben

Detroit, Michigan  
June 20, 1945

Dear Tomoye:—

Received your postcard on the 9th and  
received your package today.

Thanks a lot. It is really a great  
help.

The wire on the phono-player has a  
resistance within the wire to cut down the  
voltage for the filament. The wire will heat quite  
a bit, but not enough to burn the wire. It is  
a natural loss of heat so don't worry.

You'll notice most A.C. - D.C. radio sets  
heat their coils.

How is your relocation plans to California  
getting along? I've just read the Tokyo time  
recently and rather surprised to see the number  
of people returning on the special train. Just how  
are the freaks panning out for the Pacific? I  
heard Seiko went back to San Francisco, but I  
haven't heard from him except a note saying he  
went back.

Nothing new out here except the cut-back  
in the industry have caused quite a few thousands  
of unemployment. This area used to be a critical  
area, but now it is a third rate area. That is  
quite a big drop from a critical area in such a  
short time after V.E. day.

Best regards and thanks again.

Sincerely,

Frank Fukuda



11-5-45

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I'll wire you when I  
need you. OK?