

July 10th Tues.

Dearest Darling -

Osaka went to sleep at seven after Martha's giving her a bath. Papa bought the Lot water. We used the Inaoka bath tub. Recored Wbu Nishimoto just came back 2 days ago from SF + he dropped over to us with Fred Hoshiyama. Wbu talked with Papa re: laundry + said Ina refused \$5,500 for house + is now asking \$7,000 for the place. That it isn't sold yet, rumors to the contrary. Wbu himself says there'll never be another Japanese community + that he can't see how J. will ever fit back into that district or where there'll ever be a tofu-ya or anything J again! That news won't go + can't be made to leave due to war.

This morning just before leaving camp, Jimmy Kamidori dropped over + talked a while, + said "Francis" and Allen Saraha got drunk that "Francis" was dead drunk + he was ashamed. The last weekend he was there. The weekend of the 30th. You wrote the night of July 4th but never mentioned who came or what went on that weekend so I don't know + didn't understand. He also said Bate is expecting + having her troubles, that Mom was a character + a big kick + how nice she was to them from the first. That Bate would always have such an innocent look on her face you'd never suspect her past of which he knows everything due to Mom's having spent a whole Sunday afternoon telling them. He's very much impressed with Inple. + wants to go back there. I guess he left today at 1:00 - we didn't go to the gate. Too hot.

I'm still holding out and every day I feel as though it may happen any moment, but though the baby is awfully active + kicks alarmingly, nothing untoward seems to have happened. However, in view of my hospitalization and in view of the unusualness of its development + my having felt out of sorts from the start, I wouldn't be surprised if everything wasn't just right. So I'm warning you. The more I think the wiser I think it might be to take castor oil or something to hurry labor. Books say in most all cases ^{efforts at} medically induced labor are unsuccessful, that it won't happen unless the time just comes, I think it wouldn't hurt trying, because Dr. Hoshiyama leaves the night of the 16th - 3:00 AM of 17th. So if nothing happens by the 14th I'll take 1-2oz. castor oil. I only have 1oz. so I'll ~~take~~ get some more

in Delta. I think that's the wisest plan. If deHaan lets tears happen & repairs them with such poor technique, I'm worried, bec. future sagging of organs are due to that, also possible loss of bowel control, urine control, etc. As it is, my cervix tore in many places when P's head came too fast, & cervical lacerations are prone to cancerous growth in later life. What with at least 1 aunt dead of uterine cancer I don't want to encourage anything else like that. Collier doesn't believe in anaesthesia nor does deHaan. Collier has a way of cutting you in 3-4 diff. places in diff. directions & is a regular butcher - all without anaesthetic & every stitch he takes is slow & painful afterwards. He did that to someone you know - theyko Shimozaka ^{canon} Shogawa formerly of baby formula kitchen who gave me extra milk. Remember? Now Jimmy Shogawa's sister-in-law.

I don't know how many Sugiyama has delivered by now but he's had experience. He also knows his stuff because he's a specialist, also he seems kind & anxious to keep that patient-doctor relationship as he calls it. In the other 2 cases they don't feel that way.

Anyway I feel I ought to sort of get things organized & go to the hospital. The baby's head must be firmly engaged in position bec. he dug his fingers down around it & shook hard but it wouldn't budge & he was encouraging in saying it wouldn't be a hard birth this time. But I surely don't mind long labor in comparison to cuts & tears & bad sewing job to repair rips! I'll feel it for years, daily, & only alternative would be a good 1st rate surgeon, who'll be expensive. By that time my muscles may be so relaxed & stretched the operation tho costly may not be effective then I'll be in a fix & be like all these women who are never really fit tho never really ill.

Hope you agree with me & think it ok - I don't want a premature baby but 2 weeks one way or other isn't considered irregular. And I'm getting it to come just 6-7 days early - if the castor oil works. Quinine sulphate is smthg I know about but don't know dosage, & don't know how I can find out without asking the RN or Dr. & they probably won't tell me bec. the reason I'd ask is so obvious. If castor oil doesn't work, I'll leave it up to Collier & deHaan & nature. Don't know what else I can do.

Martha did lots of washing - 2 large sheet size unbleached muslin pieces hung over closet in 11-5F sooty over there 2+ years of hanging, all the drapery there 3 of my sheets, baby things, etc etc includg P's woolen blankets. She did a stack yesterday too. A bucketful or more dishes everyday plus housecleaning, so she hasn't had time to write some necessary letters, even! P. bothers her, too. All I do is feed P.

I wish I knew what you did on your birthday out there - whether you worked as you planned or whether you couldn't find anything to do. I did as you said & never sent anything. I couldn't send a card because the canteen no longer carries any of my kind.

Kaorn Doung's father died in Hanoi but I couldn't find a card & let go acting block shopper for one from Delta so one of these days I'll write a note to Snelling.

See this baby is so active it must have more limbs than normal or something. It may be as frisky as those uncouth Oklahomans who disturbed you the day they visited. Lord forbid. But it's never still a minute & strains & shoves very uncomfortably & alarms me. Once in a while it hurts me so much I have to stay still to endure it while it lasts. This has gone on months now. It'll be such a physical & emotional relief from tension when it is born. The placenta I feel, probably isn't implanted high up enough in the womb as it should have been or firm enough if high enough, or something - the position is so low it strains my hips - it's so low. More than I ever did, this one has disfigured my skin. Guess your wife can never be a burlesque strip teaser, Henri. Anyway, not without a lot of theatrical makeup on her body to conceal maternity striations that will be as bright & vari-colored as the rainbow. Guess I can never lay bare & be a Narga model or even try to entice an illicit affair with a swain who would flee in horror after one look. A pregnant woman gets a thick waist & abdomen normally rises each month, but everyone remarks I look barely 6-7 months with unusually distended stomach. The position is all wrong - I know because I shouldn't feel so much strain & weight

bearing on the floor of the pelvis so as to make my leg ^{right} crippled & draggy & heavy & achy after. It's not vitamin deficiency so much as just the baby's weight - head or someplace - pressing on the nerve against the pelvic floor or something. I think.

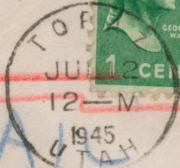
I feel I have to surround my stomach with my hands & support it up, like the vertebrae going to drop out, or the stomach skin burst. That's how I've felt from the 5-6th month. After a meal I can hardly stand it & usually lie down or sit on a hard straight chair, so it supports me, so I won't sag & strain more of my organs.

But recently I urinate less & wondered. That's since I left the hospital. And I discover I have swollen fingers & swollen ankles - so I must be retaining water. My face is larger, too. So I don't see salt at all. But I never do, much, & cut it out altogether during pregnancy. However last time toward the end it was the same. It isn't good. But often happens. I'm not worried. I guess in general, I felt worse toward the end last time than this. However, I didn't have special boots like this odd shape & consequent strain & neuritis.

Martha & I were talking about names. She says Zsei are getting such fancy names that a plain one would be a novelty - ~~you know~~ - down to earth every day name instead of Byron, Brian, Sheldon, etc. She however, likes Dwight, after Eisenhower, and one or two others like Glen, which ^{latter} sounds rissy to me somehow. Dwight sounds ~~pretentious~~ pretentious. Well, I'll figure it out yet. Have an idea it'll be a girl, anyway. Dr. said "Fetal heart tones 160" to the nurse last week. That's pretty fast - & must likely be another girl as he once hinted. Anyway whatever it is, I hope it's normal. I not crippled or spastic or what all - like Connie's baby was so deformed. Mine hasn't had much room to develop in, rolled up down there so small. It may be short in length or tiny overall or something. Hope not. Well, we'll see & do our best & hope to pray it'll be O.K. Shall we? Got I worried. Please write Glen. I got May paycheck \$11.80 instead of usual \$8.75 for. I put down some extra time on my time sheet. I give Martha another \$5. She paid \$9⁰⁰ at Gate already, & is broke except for 26¢ for ~~slippers~~ - Connie

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to make such things if you
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all meats, fats & oils with
so few in family. Please
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