

Monday March 29

Dearest -

Hope you'll be very careful - June Nicks left today - she said Shiz wrote saying there was another anti - returner demonstrator at La Mater where presumably feeling is good. So don't venture forth if it is needless. Particularly around the neighborhood - it's better to be down town rather than around home.

Have you found the curtains for the windows? It's important to have the house look good from the outside, for favorable impression. I see venetians are being sold - we don't have to get them right away but someday we can.

What dishes are you using??? Please tell me. And are there any dents in the vacuum cleaner? It was a snug <sup>in the corner</sup> fit. Have you put any rugs (small or large) on the floor? No so anxious to know more about the house. I hope you'll urge Helen to look for a job, domestic or otherwise. She'll need prompting. Her baggage she can reminisce over on weekends + nights or day off. I know you'll need money. Papa lent her \$200 so she can repay you what you let her have. Did you cash check I sent you? \$40? Where?

The mail should come in a few hours - It's 1:20 PM now - so I'll wait to write the rest. I had about Ouchi being boldy. Special handling + special delivery the P.O. man said wouldn't hurry it any more than straight mail. Nice day today - sunny - P.O. outside. Sure hope your letter tells about Ichigawa house - which reminds me I'll get check from Papa to bid on Jora's house by mail, before he leaves tomorrow for Minneapolis. Have to confess I'm going to be relieved when he goes as I'll have peace & can train P to take nap, sleep, etc. I just have to train her in order that she be a good girl when I have the next. He, she or it is very active, & I can feel the motions any time of day or night. I'll go to the tailor to get my jacket today. It'll be finished, & I'll have to pay by check.

No cash on hand, in large amt. I gave \$200 to Jimmy when he left for NY Saturday + \$100 in memory to Dick + Connie Tanaka for funeral plus 25¢ each door from block for flowers. Shubai's will leave on the 1st compartment reservation they can get after April 4<sup>th</sup>. Dave will go to S.I. around April 10<sup>th</sup> bec. one of the boys got scarlet fever + the family is quarantined for 3 weeks, + 10-14 days thereafter for observations of other 2 children to see if they caught it. Glad you see Tak + Chiyo often. I'd already written once when you first mentioned them - so I have it written second time re: furniture. But if you recall I told you all about yellow Va Gogh + blonde Swedish modern furn. + swivle lamp, etc. also madonna carved by Fred - when I ret. from Denver + visited them. Certainly like their taste - they said it took long to get them together one at a time. [Chances are people have talked to Jora + Buford - neighbors, the curious etc - ask them what Bertels or whoever are saying - did you get Goldstein flag?] Found you stood with OW?.

4:00 PM No letter - so I'll close.

Long. you see because of Jora's. I want tenants out + Papa in there. Can't stand him at Arguells.

4:15 - Just got letters - glad I didn't close this up in the envelope. Abe wrote so enclosing same. By the way did you get P's photo? Am sending you Ben's he sent couple days ago with his picture of bombed blimp skin in foreground. Ardena also wrote. She + Jack are sure swell. Am forwarding your letter to Helen when - she left the day before <sup>your letter</sup> is post-mark cancelled. Wed 14. Sure will be relieved when Papa leaves tomorrow. I'm so busy doing things for myself + P without all I have to do for him + others + he disappointed in response or scolded even, as Papa does. If you recall I wrote Helen 4x's to her one postal prior to her visit here - + no mention of Stanford etc. she asked for. That's what I mean - + others are also the same. So she's not exceptional. Just ordinary. Few are like the Murata family. Did Nell you Toki Toki sleeps with it, etc. + shows everyone she <sup>owns</sup> it. It's about 7-8" long. How's the vacuum cleaner? Is it dented? I was so afraid it would dent. Is it? Kusumoki's not an easy teacher. He wants us to record what we learn in a note book, not go + forget it so he's making us form a note book. Good idea. Would like Martha to visit me + talk before going back to Arguells. Wish you wouldn't take any Japanese after Shiguro leaves. Tell them there are 7 there + no room + you don't know where the family will stay, even. Hang a union flag in the window for Ben - I think it may help + if questions are asked say he's your wife's 1/2 brother or something. I'll send you his wedding photo if I can find it but I think it is already there as freight - no? Got another crit delirious for next baby today -

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Wyo Utah



Mr. Henri H. Jakabodli  
1259 Arguello Blvd  
San Francisco 20  
California

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meal hours are get-together musts for the families and they live strictly by the clock.

I'm sending you some snaps taken here recently, I sent a few to Dad last week similar to the enclosed. Waiting to get Pinky's picture; is it on it's way yet?? It's becoming increasingly hard to buy film here, the popular size 620 especially. The photo houses do a rushing business with the G.I. trade.

What's going on in Topaz now?? It's been months since I've heard anything about the camp. How is relocation affecting the work there, with the smaller population of elder folks, I can see where you will soon have an acute labor shortage. What about the school staff, are the caucasian teachers to remain as long as the school program is carried on, or are nisei kids taking over ?? Housing will no longer be a problem but I think the closing of some blocks, (which I know will come), is going to hurt the ones who have to make the move? Is relocation making the headway WRA wants it to??? I'm afraid the whole thing may back-fire and furnish the anti-Jap presses with the best news they've had so far in persecuting us for our racial background.

How has Pinkie been?? Can she talk now?? I can imagine her saying a few words by this time. Wish I could see her in the flesh----

*Give Pinkie my love,*

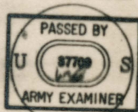
*Ben*

Print the complete address in plain black letters in the space below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No.

From

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To

MRS. TOMOYE TAKAHASHI

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TOPAZ, UTAH

S/Sgt. Alex Yorichi  
(Sender's name)

Hq. NCAC

(Sender's address)  
APO-216, c/o Postmaster, NYC

26 Feb 45

(Date)

DEAR TOMMIE,

THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THE TWO LETTERS WHICH TOLD ABOUT MY FATHER AND HIS DEATH. YOUR LETTERS WERE THE FIRST ONE WHICH TOLD ME JUST HOW MY FATHER DIED SINCE I HAVE AS YET NOT RECEIVED ANY OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF MY FATHER'S PASSAGE. YOUR LETTERS WERE GOD-SENT AND THEY REALLY RELIEVED MY MIND FROM ANXIETY.

SINCE I WAS ORDERED TO MOVE SOME TIME AGO MUCH CLOSER TO THE BATTLES, MANY OF MY LETTERS HAVE BEEN DELAYED AND THEY ARE JUST REACHED ME NOW. YOURS JUST CAME IN YESTERDAY.

I HAD NO INFORMATION ABOUT MY FATHER'S DEATH UNTIL 29 JANUARY, ALMOST TWO WEEKS AFTER HE HAD PASSED AWAY. THIS NOTIFICATION WAS FROM THE RED CROSS AND IT WAS A VERY SHORT MESSAGE TELLING ME THAT MY FATHER HAD PASSED AWAY ON THAT CERTAIN DATE. WHEN I READ IT I WAS REALLY STUNNED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT AND THOUGHT IT WAS A GHOSTLY MISTAKE. AS SOON AS I REGAINED MY SENSES, I ASKED THE RED CROSS TO FIND OUT THE PARTICULARS ABOUT MY FATHER'S DEATH ALTHOUGH IT MEANT ANOTHER SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE I COULD GET THE ANSWER THE RED CROSS MAN SAID. ANYWAY, I IMMEDIATELY APPLIED FOR AN EMERGENCY FURLOUGH WITH A TWO-PAGES OF REASONS FOR BACKING THE REQUEST. AND THAT REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN BECAUSE OF "MILITARY NECESSITY" OR SOMETHING. I SURE FELT LOUSY, TOMMIE. I DIDN'T AND I STILL DON'T WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. IT STILL SEEMS TO ME LIKE A BAD DREAM. I SURE WISH I HAD BEEN THERE WITH HIM BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY. BURMA TO TOPAZ, UTAH IS A LONG WAYS OFF, BUT I SURE WISHED I COULD HAVE GONE TO HIM.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, AND TO THE OTHERS TOO. BEST WISHES TO YOU, HENRI AND THE BABY. DEE.

Sincerely,  
Alex

V-MAIL

March 15-45

Dear Tommie -

Forgive me for neglecting you for so long. I've been moving from pillar to post for so long that I've about gone nuts. We still have no home. I'm still at Robbie's folks and getting a little sick of it, I must admit. For the last three weeks I've been at Robbie's sister's place just 25 miles from San Diego. It was fun there - horses, rabbits, chickens, "Chic Sale" (we call it the "White House") she gave Lee a bunny which he calls "Lee-pinky". Now we are back here until Mother (mine) comes down to visit next week. Then we are returning to Robbie's sister (she is Willa Mae's Mother incidently)

So you are trying to find a



~~playing~~ playmate for Pinky: Good for  
you! Be sure to keep us posted.

Too bad you were gyped (sp?) on your  
I.F. house. But frankly, I'd advise  
staying out of this — State for the duration.  
That — Hearst and his papers give me  
a — pain! (pardon me if I was profane)  
At least you can be glad your home isn't in  
Oregon, especially Hood River.

Enclosed ~~are~~ <sup>is</sup> a ~~couple~~ <sup>a</sup> snap of us and  
the kids ~~etc.~~. Do you have any of your  
pride and joy? Only have one <sup>little</sup> copy  
Write a nice long letter soon.

Love,

Ardeane