

April 24, 1943

Dear Tommie,

Thank you for the packages containing the three Terriaffe's and many dogs. I gave one Terriaffe to Bruce Jones, a Y girl who is a sociology major & going to be a Y worker. The second one I gave to Peggy Fittle. She loves it & both of them want to thank you. I gave two little dogs away & promised some other girls the rest. You can be sure that I am very careful to give them to those who appreciate it very much.

Yesterday was a holiday, ~~being~~ being Good Friday. I ~~now~~ went to Peggy's room & we talked and ate good pine nuts (she loves them) and we had lunch together at the cafeteria. We sat around & read magazines & talked all afternoon without getting anything constructive done. Last night June Poinsett and I went to the Baptist Church about 6-8 blocks away. After church the speaker was a newspaper man called Wells & spoke on Christianity & Buddhism. I don't know much about Buddhism but I didn't think he knew enough about it to compare it with Christianity. After the service she & I went to the apt. of Josephine West, student field secretary of the Baptist Church. We stayed there over-night, came back to the dorm this morning.

I received a letter today from Zak Younisto ~~he says~~ that I can probably go to Colquhoun State Aggies if I apply there. If I go there, I think I can graduate sooner because they have H. Econ.

Please tell me whether you think it better for me to transfer there & major in H. Econ or stay here, graduate next year and take another year at the medical center & get training in medical lab technician work. That means I get through in 1945. Gee, I'm puzzled as to what I should do and I can't talk to any one around here about it. It's such a funny school, no advisers, & the deans expect every one to stay at Washington U. of course. I think it makes lots of difference because this school is private & need our money.

I'm going to look for a room + board job so that Bill have someplace to live after May 23rd.

I haven't gotten any answer from Muriel yet but I expect a 'no' because I can't see where I am an exception to any rule. My letter was a pretty good one - it took me ages to write.

Well, the future is pretty gloomy isn't it? My roommate thinks I'm pretty anti social, pessimistic etc. but I think it's because I'm so alone here. I know that I'd be enjoying

college lots better if I had someone to pal around with like Mike + I did at Cal. By the way, she is at N. Central in Illinois and will graduate this fall! Jack Yuen + is graduating this fall too + everybody is getting out before I will.

Heavens I'm afraid this letter sounds terrible - sad, well, I often feel pretty low like this.

By the way, do you think I should go back to Lopez for a visit between sessions?

Today, it's very warm - so warm I'm hot with a shirt + the one + one, cotton shirt I brought + me. All our windows are open + we live on the shady side of the dorm. I'd like to buy some new spring dresses but I can't spend any money on any thing unless I take the money out of the bank. Papa wrote that Ojisan sent him food etc. I think he said I should buy them something + I've been thinking about that all along - what should I get them? About \$5.00 is OK isn't it? Golly, I don't know what he would like - I think something for the house is nice, don't you? Tell him talk to papa about it + give me some suggestions + I'll send something to him as soon as I can.

Last week I received another pay check - \$7.50
Pretty good? I'm so proud of myself for it. I
know it isn't much but I feel better when I
think I'm doing something for myself.

Did I tell you that Tesh has to
go to Nebraska for 3 more years?

Oh, (I hope you don't mind my chipping
around so much) I sent Helen an Easter
card, it may not have gotten there on time but
I hope it does. What is she doing? I hope
she's happy and settled. When I walk along
Delmar & see a lot of pretty dresses in the
windows or see advertisements in the papers
I think of her. How she would like to see
them, too. By the way, have you received the couple
of papers I sent you? What do you think of
Ithaca News papers?

Well, I'm expecting a long letter from
you. Whether you go to Michigan, Chicago or
anywhere, please let me know your plans.
At any rate, write to the WRA office of that
district because they seem to work
quite independently from the camp employment
office.

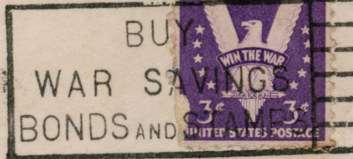
Would papa like me to send him
some san goods or anything like that? He
won't tell me so you do, please. I think

Am I right in reading in his letter
that someone has come moved in with papa?
What kind of person is he? What is his name etc?

Will write again
Please answer as soon as possible.

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