

May 10, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Thanks for your letter and also the beans. Enjoy eating them a lot. It's been such a long time since I've had any. Thanks for taking time to do these little things for me - I really do appreciate it. I was very sorry to hear that you weren't able to go through with your plans and perhaps as you say it is better this way, but at any rate, there ~~was~~ isn't any choice in the matter.

How long would you want me to stay with you in Copay - until you are able to leave for San Francisco? About how long would that be? This is just so that I'll know approximately when to expect to go to San Francisco and to make rough plans for the next year. I would like to work someplace wherever I go and must think about applying early too. I would like working up at the medical center - in some lab up there if I go to San Francisco. I may be able to get part-time work for the first half year until we get fully settled to at home. Then, if I want to come back out this way, I can do that too.

A flyer brother of a girl came back last week from the South Pacific and told her that from the looks of things over there, the war should be over in a year because they are beginning to invade the main island and Japan probably won't want to kill off everyone

because an invasion will be a regular massacre. In that case, everyone will start coming back. In a couple of years things ought to be pretty much normal again.

How long will you be at the hospital? Would it be alright if I get there on the 30th of July? Then, I can stay here til the end of the first summer session. You will need all the help you can get after you get back from the hospital and also to get ready to go back home. With two children, travelling won't be easy so I'll help all I can by taking care of the babies or doing the other things. We can go back together and Henri won't have to worry so much. He should get a permanent job right away and start saving. The money he gets by renting out rooms will certainly not be enough for the time when you get back. Children cost lots of money.

About the warringer - I'll see what I can find around these parts. I'm always reading the want-ads & see advertisements selling radios, washing machines, ice boxes, etc., not many, but it's probably easier to get those things around here than anywhere else. The only thing is, I wouldn't know how to manage it - I can't carry anything too heavy & how would I pack it to send? Well, I'll think about that when I locate one. They say they will start making civilian goods

so in any case, you wouldn't have to wait many years. In the meantime there is probably be more used machines for sale & at lower prices. People will start moving back home out of California, and many want to sell furniture etc.

Grace Kitagaki came over last night and she said her father was in Berkeley doing gardening & gets \$12.00 ^{+ room + bd.} a day. He said there were lots of jobs like that there.

It's nearly time to go to school now. Let me know if it's alright for me to help you on July 30th, and stay until we can both go to San Francisco together. I said 30 days before because I thought that the longest they allowed us. I don't get the P.C. or Topaz Times now so I have no source of information at all. Give Henri my regards. No use writing to him - he never answers me.

Louetta said H. looked ok but seemed lonesome. She is very grateful for what he did for her. We can see her over on Sundays when we get back. She is lots of fun, brilliant and a wonderful person & would welcome me home to go to.

Please write again & let me know what you think.

Love,
Martha

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