

April 5th, 1946.  
City "all, Moji.

Lt. Susan Beach  
Office of the District Censor  
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My dear Lt. Beach;

How are you getting along on these days? Have you heard from Helen recently? I have been waiting to hear from her since you wrote us. But I got no word from Helen yet. I think communication is still prohibited by the American government.

We are going to remove from the old place to the union church where we were before the war again. (perhaps early next week). This place is known as the House of the War Prisoners during the war, locating on the south eastern hill near the Oimatsu Park. You can see the building from the street car line about six or seven blocks away from it.

It is called Y.M.C.A. Hall by many people, and is very easy to find it. So that just drop in and see us whenever you happen to pass here please.

Julia sister of Helen was transferred to the south western girls high school at Kokura the first of March. It is one of the leading girls high school among the Baptist denomination.

How do you like Japan? This is the best  
season for the cherry blossom and I think you are  
enjoying them in Fukuoka now. When you heard from  
Helen let us know about her please. Mrs. Takahashi  
Julia send you their love.

Sincerely yours,

*Othello Takahashi*

Rev. O. Takahashi  
City Hall,  
Moji, Japan.

My dear Helen;-

Your letter of June 12, was brought here by Ben White yesterday ~~afte~~ morning right after service. He came from Kobe WAZAWAZA and delivered the package and your letter to us because he thought them very very important for us and wanted to hand them to us directly. He is very kind man.

He stayed with us a couple hours and had a good time. He says that during his study at the university of Chicago where I studied he once visited Minneapolis and knows about the city. We had UWASA about you seeing two prints you sent us. They look so happy in the campus.

In the package there contains a lot of old clothes, soaps, a package of salt and others. Mother and Julia were so glad to have them. The shirts that Henri sent us are just fit to me. I wear 15 inches of collars now. Yasetade sho. But very very good health now. Never took cold since last autumn at all.

I am very glad to hear about your church going. I understand a great many ministers wear gown in Sunday service. But I do not wear now. It is very expensive for you to get it in America, so please don't do that. In your letter you say you want send us some money, but save it for you you need it more than we do. One \$ cost 15 yen in Japanese money now. Japanese currency is very low as you know.

No package is at hand yet from Mike in Tokyo. Perhaps he's trying to visit us when he have chance to get away the city. If you let us know his address we will ask Watanabe to ask for it. He or she will go after it.

The what we need is food and clothes at present. Especially sugar or sacchrin are very much appreciated. Henri sent us a bottle of sacchrin and we use it every day because we did not taste it for a long time since last year. Just imagine it.

Julia is very busy every day after school because she teaches piano at several homes. I think she has about 20 girls in this city. She's getting popular among good homes at present. English study and music study are very hayaru now. Trouble is shortage of music books. They cost very high but Julia is always tries to get these.

Shirai and Masai girls ( Akimoto) attend the Seinan girls' College now. But Akimoto girl got sick in bed now. seems to me that she is about the same as her brother's illness (Rokumaku..poor girl) Two Ishibashi girls entered the Seinan College, too. Miyoshi san came back from the south sea and is teaching at the Seinan as before.

Hiroshi Kenira came home from Singarpole the end of last month and working at the Yawata iron Work with his brother Takashi. Tadashi goes to the Meisen. Yasuko got married and living with her parents now.

Nobuko Inouye of Tokyo has a new home at Denen Chofu near Megure, but her mother is living with her elder sister in Ogikube. Takeniko of Asagaya goes to the Keio University since last winter and he will through the university some time next year. Very good boy now. But his father lost his job. He does not care for job because he is very rich.

Gomi family is living in the country, but Hisako family is still at Megeru. She has a bay girl on June 7th and both mother and baby are very good in health.

Koko and Soko of Tsuruhara are teaching at the kindergarten. As I told you before Koko got married last March and living with her parents at Asahimachi.

I am helping two other churches at Dairi because they have no pastors. So I am very very busy, but glad to do my best in every way.

Mother and Julia are going to write to you very soon. They say Yereshiku to you.

The Lord bless you,

Sayonara,

Daddy.

July 26, 1946

Dear Henri and Tommie:

How are you getting along these days? I'm sorry I didn't have anything for your anniversary. I am broke buying so many things for the family in Japan. I think I bought over one hundred dollars worth of things. Since I don't have a request Letter I haven't been able to send the package. I have phoned the Post Office and they told me that I had to show the letter of request to the post master. I can send up to 70 pounds to an APO he said. I have about 20 pounds of things now, but most of the things were for mamma and Julia. I was hoping that you could get shoes for Daddy because I could get some clothes for Mamma and Julia. I bought some large towels and four bottles of saccarine tablets of 500 in each bottle. Mamma wanted some coffee so I have some coffee and some coffee toffee, 5 pounds of sugar and some canned meat, soap and other things. I have them in different boxes because just in case the food might spoil it will not get on the clothes. I am waiting for Ben White to send me his next letter. I have enclosed a stamped envelope so that I will not be putting him too much out of the way each time. I had a letter from him in which was enclosed a letter from home. They have received the package that you sent them and they want to thank you very much for the clothes. The dresses that Tommie sent were too small so they are going to send it to Tokyo. The youngest girl is in her last year of Grammar school so she will be able to get into the dress. Hisako had a Baby girl, her first and they are so happy. They also mentioned that they may move again but I don't know where. Mamma bought a "onabe" and it cost something like one hundred and twenty yen. Isn't it awful?

Lt. Susan Beach has returned to the States and is married now. She said that she received orders unexpectedly. She is Stationed down south <sup>in Calif.</sup> now since she lives in Glendale. She enclosed a letter which Daddy had sent her.

I have ten days for my vacation coming and since the Yabuki's asked me over I shall go out there. Infact Mas asked me first and then later Mrs. Yabuki. I sort of said that I had a vacation coming and that it was so hot to do anything I was going to stay home. I am planning to leave here the middle of next month so that I could get there by Friday the 16th because Mas is off over the week end. I want to take something out there when I go but since the Japanese place here where they sold some Japanese things have closed I can't get what I wanted. I really wanted some takenoke canned and some other rare things to take. Well I'll just have to think of something else.

I am also changing my job. That is, my director has offered me a new position in the same bureau only this time I will work for his secretary at the front desk. He said that I knew so much of the affairs that go on in the bureau that he thought that I was best suited for the job. I will be doing Accounting and Billing work and some misc. work that goes on. He will do some typing and I have told him that my typing was a beginners typing but he said as long as I didn't use one finger it was better that I should try for the job. He was so nice about it and wanted so much to give me the chance that I accepted.

I will write again since I'm typing at work now. I hope that everything is in order there. Give my regards to all. Please write when you can. I have been fine but since it was so hot I couldn't or didn't want to write in this heat we are having. Take care of yourself.

Love,  
*Helen*  
Helen

*p.s. By the way, what did you do with that elite typewriter I used in camp when we were packing crates & things when Henri was leaving for S.F.? As I remember you wanted to sell it or something. If you should still have it I may offer to buy it. I sort of like to have one.*

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