

April 24, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Your cards reached me today. One was torn on the end - I am guessing that you tore it yourself.

Well, this whole problem seems to be confronting all of us. None of us are completely detached from the others so that we should all feel some responsibility. As far as I can see, what we all need is some clear, logical thinking. The camp has certainly done you no good for that. And to top it all, having a small child to take care of and expecting another one is not exactly the ~~most~~ kind of situation to be envied, but to be fair to your children you must keep your peace of mind - you must be steady and try to be calm about the whole thing. After all, what is your main objective in life? To be happy? Well, why make yourself more miserable than you can help being?

From the financial point you might have found it necessary to stay in camp to have your baby and other medical attention, but from every other point, it isn't doing any good for the

Harmony of your family, is it?

I would like to do anything I can to help too, you know that. This present quarter ends on June 15th. We probably have to leave the dorm on the 16th (Sunday) so that I can either go straight to Tokyo, or (I'd prefer) to spend a few days in Chicago with Kiku, Margaret & Kay Yamashita and also a few days with Obasan to pack & send to S.F. my things there, unless you want me right away. But I figure that you won't be having the baby until July so if I get there by the middle of the last week in June, it would be enough time. I will ask the WRA to give me permission to visit you and give them the reasons and perhaps they will extend the visit. In case they don't, (I suppose you know what the regulations are) I can either stay here and take a six-weeks course & work (as I'm doing now) or go anyway to Tokyo for 30 days and Henri can take my place with you. The first

plan, that is, my staying here for another
six weeks after this one, means I'll get
to Tokyo around July 30 or 31 if not
a few days sooner. If so, I can
stay there until August 30th or 31st -
would that be better? Then if you
can have your other treatments done
in San Francisco, it would be a
lot simpler. It would save Henri's
train fare plus the salary he will
be getting, and mine too. Actually,
it may be saving money as well as
maybe saving your home and family.
It certainly distresses me to hear
how you feel about Henri. It doesn't
make any sense to me - that you should
feel that way when all this is due to
the fact that you two planned on the
child together. It's only April and
I can't see why you won't still go
out to California to have your baby
which will solve many problems
because we can all help you then,
but if you still insist on camp, then
have your other treatments done outside
where Henri & I can help you together.

It will be a lot more fun too. It really can be.

Papa hasn't said to me either what his plans are. He apparently wants to decide those things alone. I'm guessing that he will go to Arguello - where else can he go? We can make the apartment into an apartment-like if he wants it that way. Anyway, I do hope within the next few months things will be ironed out.

Another alternative of course ~~is~~ is that when my 30-day visit is up, I take Pinky with ~~me~~ me to San Francisco and take care of her until you can come out. When you are back home again, living more normally, I'm sure you will be a lot happier, Loumie.

Please don't let anything break up your family and if I can help by doing any one of the things I mentioned above, please let me, won't you? But let me know sufficiently ahead of time for me to make adequate preparation.

As for myself + my personal preference, I'd much rather help you outside - in San Francisco than in Tokyo where it will be hot, dusty, inconvenient, + no privacy.

It may mean added expence, but if Henri and I both work, (I can start after you are on your feet again) we can certainly pay off the bills. So why not think it over and go back while you can still do it? Henri can come + get you while he waits for his job. Now those are all the different possibilities.

Please remember that as far as my work is concerned, I can probably find something almost anywhere. Also friends - they are all scattered everywhere and it will be impossible to go where all of them happen to be. Also, as far as fellows go, there are many here now, but after this year, they will all be going, and only a few will be left. After the war, who knows where most of the Nisei will go. I'd rather be at home working + saving rather than living alone way out here. There are many nice friends but they too will go on their own way. One soon learns that one cannot ever depend on anyone but himself or herself. Sometimes even your own family lets

you down but that is the least likely
of all. Perhaps papa is hard to get
along with but I think Henri, you
and I can get along alright together.
Once you get settled, things will
look better. And if I feel that
I'm getting no ~~where~~ place out there,
there's no reason why I can't leave
them.

So please don't worry and let
me know what you decide. I'll write
to Henri too.

Keep your chin up. Tomorrow.

With love,

Martha