

Friday, May 18, 1945

Dear Tommie,

Thank you for the card yesterday written 14th. Glad you got living material - I had such an awful time finding it. You would be very surprised to see how scarce material is these days. Cottons are especially hard to find, and they are expensive. Remember how I got lots of cotton last year? Well, it's really impossible to find anything now - I thought of making a brunch coat or housecoat but haven't been able to get anything, not even in rayon for it.

Tell me how much the dresses will cost and I'll send it unless papa is still there and will consent to paying it for me. So far I haven't gotten any pay but hope to be paid one of these days. I don't work a solid 22 hrs. week so I'm not earning more than \$15.00 a week.

Have been thinking about the job and staying here etc., and still find it a hard decision to make. Perhaps the best thing is to wait until fall to make up my mind. I should let Archer - Daniels know by June 1st & must know whether I'll stay for 1st session here at the dorm by June 1st so that's more or less my deadline. Don't you think I should stay here until the latter part of July and go to Popay, stay there as long as you need me, then by that time you and I can be talking things over and decide what to do. It always helps to get someone else's opinions too. I don't know whether Archer Daniels can use me this fall in case I decide to come back here. They say that Pillsbury is a bad place to work because of the director of research and General Mills isn't too good either, but there may be other places.

I'm sending some pictures taken when we were in Brooklyn & visited a park with some people at the hotel. The two Japanese girls belong to the hotel there are daughters of the folks who take care of the place. She was nice enough to send them to me.

Also are some lousy ones ^{Japanese} taken ¹ taken when
Papa + I visited Fort Snelling.

What does Hemi say about San Francisco
and the community feeling? What is the
general outlook there? Are many Japanese
starting businesses? What happened to the
CO's? Did they find another place?

I'm rather glad Papa is going back to
San Francisco. He may be lonely for a while but
there will be lots of things he can do. And most
important I'll know whether he wants to stay there.

I'll write again. I'll write to Papa too.

Please give him the pictures + don't lose them
because I haven't got the negatives. Papa
can keep them.

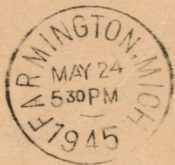
Love,

Martha

P.S.

I'll try to think of some names for the baby.
Also I'll try to read a little about babies.
Please have some literature ready so I'll know
what to do + can read them when I get stuck.

Mildred Jane gives a mild thump now & then in protest
against day after day of cold, drizzle. I'm completely over
being nauseated now - but had abt 3 months of it, aggrev.
by eating slimy starches in dining hall. My teaching
job - aft. + evenings will be over in 3 weeks thank
goodness. Delinquents even in small no's are
trying. Hatchie & I have a baby girl,
Kathryn Gail by name. Haven't seen her. John
Harvard & Ted are great pals but I think Ted
probably gave him sniffles last time we
called. Ted is much improved in behavior
recently. Plays with his imaginary two little
boys whom he keeps behind a door. Talks in
complex sentences freely now - repeats 4 digits
etc.



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