

Oct. 12, 1946

Dear Violet -

My what a surprise to hear from you. I was really nice hearing from you, even tho' the letter was started several months back. No doubt you've been busy, especially under the present circumstances when labor shortage is so acute. You were lucky to have a vacation. So glad that you had a chance to get away from things + enjoy bit of solitude.

Yes many things have happened since evacuation. Among other things, I am now in Cleveland, of all places. I went as far as N.Y. attended Ann's wedding + looked for a job there, but unsuccessful, so I returned here + have been working for a freight forwarding firm as a billing clerk since June of this year. They have obtained Army deferment for me so I will be a "civilian" till Feb. I hope they will be able to get an extension for me then. My working hours are not too good. 3: PM to around 11: +



midnits, however in quite used to it now.

Couple weeks ago, since Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, to be exact Martha was on a vacation + spent 10 days in Clive with me, so I was quite busy keeping her entertained. On the midnits train of Sept 30<sup>th</sup> - I took ~~around~~ <sup>a train</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>quite</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>Conroy + Martha's</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>inquire</sup> to Chicago + we had a nice reunion. Train ride is 6 hours or so. Spent all day Sunday + got back Monday in time for work.

I find Cleveland a very congenial city. The people are nice. The city is very dirty, but from what people say not as bad as Pittsburgh P.A. The color of Autumnal splendor is covering the landscape + I get quite a thrill taking in the scenery of the environs of Cleveland.

Fortunately, since arrival here, I've been quite busy on weekends. Harry Sabu-sawa is here working at the <sup>YMCA</sup> ~~way~~ as a boys secretary + he has been taking me around. Huddy a Sunday to myself, hence I've



neglected church till about 3 weeks ago. Harry is doing fine work here. Everyone likes him. Marian his wife is a very nice person & has treated me as a part of the family. I don't know whether you know her or not. She is the daughter of Rev. Yoshioka. I don't know where he had his church but was So. Calif. way.

Oh yes Yuki (Hanato) Ikeguchi is here with her husband. So are the Skomas. I have not called on them, but Martha has & they all seem to be well & happy.

I have heard from Louis and William several times. It's really nice getting letters from old friends from the West Coast. It gives me a feeling that all Calif is not unfriendly. It's a great relief & satisfaction.

My Mom & Pop are still in the Center & they seem to be quite happy now that good deal of the long Beachites have gone there from Jerome. Remember Jack Kato. His folks are in the same block with my folks & they are so nice to them. They even do the laundry & ironing for them. All the Kato boys have left. I understand



they are all in Chicago now. Also heard that  
the Nakamuras are also in Gila.

Well Sis - I believe I'd better get  
ready for a luncheon engagement which  
I'm having so I'll have to cut this letter  
short till next time.

Don't overwork + hope you feel better  
physically as well as mentally after the  
vacation in I believe. Now you can look  
forward to your next furlough.

If you should see the Burchams or  
Mrs Pawson please extend my warm  
regards to them

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