

# From the scrapbook of Meriko Maida, dedicated to her Japan stay, 1937-39

## Leaving San Francisco

Meriko traveled second class



## Kokawa Girls High School, Wakayama Prefecture, 1937-38





## On to Tokyo



## Family matters, 1938



## Going back home, 1939

Meriko's ocean-going conveyance for the return trip was the Tatuta Maru. Evidently, Japan's war preparations already included using female personnel on civilian ships. The subject is identified as 'Tarkie'. The ship was torpedoed by the US Navy in early 1943.

