

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

19 July 1946

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ishida,  
129 Belvedere Street

I had the greatest pleasure of working with Tad~~x~~ over in Italy. We got to become pretty close fri~~ends~~ during the past year and that made my stay there a lot brighter.

There is one message Tad asked me to convey to you "when I visited you"... that he is anxious to return home and start school again and of course that he is well in health. And I feel reluctant to say it on this thrash as I was directed to visit you ~~in~~ person. Well, the story for my not being present is very long.. ..

Sometime within the next couple days (tentative date set for 21 July) the 442nd Regiment comprised of 234 Hawaiian boys <sup>is</sup> ~~are~~ going to ship out from the New York Port of Embarkation and it's route will be through the Panama Canal thence to the Territory of Hawaii. This is hell to many of the boys as they had relatives between here and the West Coast. I for one feel mighty downhearted about the whole deal. Not only because I hate the sea but because of the fact that I can't see you and Tak Yatabe.

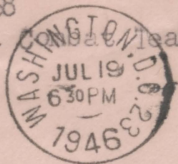
When I left Italy I didn't want my folks to know that I was coming home so Tad asked me ~~for~~ if I would want to ~~use~~ your address ~~as~~ for forwarding my mail so I thought that was a bright idea. Now I see that I won't ~~be~~ going back your way. I wonder if I could ask you to be kind enough to send my mail to:

P.O. Box 1697  
Hilo, Hawaii.

I shall appreciate this very much. I intend to return to the States shortly after reaching the Hawaiian Islands. and at which time I hope to have the pleasure of visiting you. Tad has spoken so much about you and I am ~~anxious~~ for this meeting. Thanks a lot again for this great favor I surely appreciate it.

*Jerry*

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