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Dear Mom:

Your letters are catching up with me slowly. Your last letter which arrived yesterday was dated 28th of May which is pretty good time. Guess, too that you are receiving my letters now.

In yesterday's paper which I am enclosing, found a bit of news concerning an explosion in Pearl Harbor and many casualties. It worries me as we are so near the Harbor and wonder how it effected you and the children. It must have been quite an explosion too - hope you were not anywhere near it when it happened.

Also in the paper, article on the ambassador to the vatican. Ken Harada is a good friend of ours, his brother used to live at our home. His father is the Dr. Harada, one time president of Doshisha and professor at the University of Hawaii. His sister, Mrs. Soga.

The other evening, Tak came over with a crib board and we played several games of crib at a penny a hole. We had the usual crazy happy time as I always have playing with him or with Sam. He took a dollar away from me - but it was money well spent inasmuch as Tak was broke. Tak hasn't been paid for six months or so and helps support his sister Eiko and his folks. He has changed a lot and is very thoughtful of his folks at all times. Just pass the good word to his folks. After playing crib we sat around and talked. I pray daily that Tak will not get hurt in the coming battles, he has gone through the major campaigns so far pretty well -

About Hanks suggestion to sell the home. I don't think my opinion should make any difference as it is his home. However, I really think he should hold on to it as long as he has no reason for wanting the money now. On his side is the fact that homes and real estate are high now and will be able to sell it for a better price today than he ever will be able to in the future. On the other hand - one never will know at this time what the future will hold for the nisseis and the feeling with me is that the majority will go back to California. In perhaps a little time they will have a chance to go back. Having a home then will be a great asset - and I know that it will be a great saving then. I doubt very much if the East will be opened for the nisseis very much after the war with all the soldiers coming back.

The 100th here has made such a great reputation for themselves here, their sacrifice is going to be a great factor in a better understanding for the nisseis throughout the country. With all the soldiers here going back to their respective homes with their high respect for the 100th and the nisseis - it is going to help. For that reason I am sure that it would be wiser to save the home and not sell it until the war is definitely finished. We owe the boys of Tak's group much more than



we can ever repay. ~~After listening to them and their~~ Wherever we go here from every ones lips we hear nothing but praise for the group. I would be thoroughly ashamed if the nisseis and isseis throughout the country do not show respect and thanks to this group. It is true that the mainland nisseis have been basking in the glory of this group as we found back in the mainland, at the same time making crude remarks about the Hawaiian boys - it makes me fureious no end.

We have a few "kotonks" in our group. The majority of course are boys from home - and again they carry the brunt of the burden thrown upon the shoulders of the AJ's. It isn't any feeling against the nisseis as a whole but it amuses me and at the same time hurts to think of this.

Last evening we sat around and had a little dinner the boys cooked up. We always try to supplement our regular food with whatever comes into our hands - I don't know how the fellers manage it but they manage to get all kinds of things out of nowheres so to speak. Imagine finding a soldier cooking rice in a riceless country.

We also went to the creek to take a swi and for the first time in many moons I have felt really clean - swam and washed and soaped ourselves several times. I washed my ears and you ought to see the dirt that was clogged in my ear -

So Mrs. Ikeda got the flowers for you too - I am qyite happy now since I thought she only got the cake. It must have cost more than the five dollars I sent you. By the way - did you get the hundred dollars from the Ihara family and also the eighty dollars I sent you. Use it as you wish although I am quite sure that we can save it for better use in the future. I have really no use for money here - everything is furnished us here and there are no places where we can spend our money. Got a letter from Dick yesterday - please thank him for it - and will write as soon as I can. Also thank Mrs. Ikeda for the flowers and the cake - it was really swell of her to do it for me.

Perter's letter reads as if he wrote it under protest and in a hurry - the spelling was not up to par and phrases rather hurried. Tell him that dad will have some things for him when I come home. The second front is making good progress and of course this front is doing very well - we should see the end of this thing here pretty soon - and hope that the Pacific war will end sooner. An interesting thing in the editorial of this paper - funding a division of Japanese soldiers in the invasion front. How did they ever get there -

all for now - will write very soon again -

love to all

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*Dan*