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Dear Mom:

Two days after a furlough and I still feel kind of slap happy from the effects of just being at leisure. Kind of hard to get into the all routine. Just performed a wedding this evening for Kay Tanahashi and his bride. Kei used to be my Sunday School pupil at the LA Union Church and it certainly made me feel like an old man. Guess I am an old man,

Last night I stayed in the hut and slept early. I room with a Lt. Schmidt from Detroit. A very, very handsome feller and a real pal. We usually run around together and are inseparable companions - had dinner with him tonight at the Officer's club. Wish you could meet him some day. Had a steak dinner as I am already getting tired of the beans and wienies they have been giving us of lately. We rode down with Yaso Abe to the club and after the dinner we walked out and found an empty jeep or rather a jeep and driver without riders so got a ride home with it. Talking of jeeps, I am going to have a personal jeep and driver soon which ought to help out no end. However officers are not allowed to drive so that a driver is assigned to me. Yamato will be my driver.

Yesterday Mr. Moore (formerly of Kauai and Malcom's father) dropped into camp. Had a grand time with him. He came to visit the Kauai boys and seem to really enjoy it.

I have ordered a 442nd emblem shield to be sent to you and also a copy of the 442nd combat team song which you ought to receive within a couple of months. I am sure you will like the shield. I have also sent you by mail all my pictures which I took out of my album. Decided not to send my things home as first considered because the government will consider that as moving my household goods which means of course that in the future I will not be able to make use of the privilege. If in case you want to move over here to meet me - we won't be able to use that privilege then. Instead I am going to send it to Alice. I am hesitant about that as it may be hard for them in case the men folks are called into the army and they are forced to move. Perhaps Lad

I am enclosing a letter sent to me by Chuck Miller. It was such a nice complimentary letter I want to share it with you. I told you that I spent the whole afternoon with the editors and owners of his paper at luncheon and they seem to be much impressed by what I call my philosophy of life. Also a late picture of me and one of Oberlin campus sent to me by the President of Oberlin College. I am really worried



The next time you see Sam or Eddie could you tell them something for me. Mr. Finch of Hattiesburg has several hundreds of these 442nd Emblem shields. Mr. Finch has been the benefactor of the 442nd and went through considerable expense to make these shields and they are really attractive, made with sterling silver. I know that they would make a great hit in the islands and will sell like hotcakes there. I have asked Mr. Finch to get in touch with Eddie and see what kind of a deal could be made. I am sure that there will be a profit for Eddie if he could sell the idea to the dealers there. You can get an idea of what it looks like as it is on the front page or so of the ALBUM. The color scheme is in Red and Blue and the words "Go For Broke" on a red ribbon. All in sterling silver. Mr. Finch's address is

Mr. Earl Finch  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Received a letter from Mrs. L'Orange yesterday. It was certainly a very pleasant surprise. If you ever see her will you thank her for it. She described the Community House to me and also said that it was going to be for our use after the war. I have my fingers crossed. I am also going to have the most beautiful church in the islands if I had my way in Waipahu so that all the people will think of the Waipahu Community Church as the Church.

So much for now - will write soon again.

love

Don