

May 2, 1944

Dearest Hiro,

How are you? I haven't heard from you since getting your letter dated 4/21. Hope everything is all right. Yesterday I got a nice letter from Mel Harter dated the 24th in which he told me about your having dinner with him and his family, and also about your seeing Tak. It was so considerate of him to write me— and his letter cheered me up a lot.

I last wrote you on the 28th; Peter was examined at school that day, and weighed 51 lb. 3 oz. He is 48 inches tall, believe it or not. Did you like the snapshot of him I sent you, doesn't he look like a grown up young man? I am enclosing some more snapshots of Jane and of us— now you can see how darling she is— although I still haven't done justice to her as she has nice big round eyes and the sun makes her squint. Notice how adoring Peter is? He just loves her. He is home from school today, as he has a cold with a runny nose, but no fever, so a day of rest will do him some good. He's reading come in bed, so nothing to worry about. However, I will watch him closely as now Bunny, Pickie and Karen all have chicken pox, and I expect Peter will be next, as he was playing with them.

Rev. Tamura and I made the rounds of some of our Sunday School families on the 28th regarding baptism for the children. So far have about 15 children from my Sunday School who have signed up. He came late, so only got around to a few families, although I had hoped to cover more ground. I received your letter dated the 19th on that date; it is so funny how your old letters come late, and the more recent ones sometimes arrive first. I will send the Mother's Day card and some money to your mom, so don't worry. I also received the March war bond; also a letter from Shizue Yoshina thanking us for the dinner I had for her; also a letter from Babe; George has had a cut in his wages, and is only making \$80.00 a month now— kind of tough on them I guess. However she said she was sending something to us, for Peter and my birthdays and for mama for Mothers Day. I really wish they wouldn't do such things when they can't afford it. I also got a 10th reunion notice from my class at Pomona— they had a reunion on the 22nd; would love to have joined them— but it makes us sound so ancient! After Rev. Tamura left, I took some sushi over to Grace that Obachan made. Grace said Dollar had written again he was quite cynical, and said he was sending her all the letters Ruth had written him, for her to keep. If he didn't come back, to send them to Ruth with some red roses! Do you see Dollar very often— we all feel so badly about him and Ruth.

On Saturday I cleaned the house, made some dough for the rolls. In the afternoon about supper time Grace and I went to Waipahu High to help chaperone the Waipahu Y's dance. Miss Vellom and Miss Latimer of the Y plus their escorts were there too, and later Jiro came to help. It was a nice party, but the orchestra didn't show up, and Molly was so upset. Maé and Noboru were there, and many others. They had a male leg showing contest— and Hide won 1st prize. He's so fat, he couldn't even roll his trousers up to show his legs! There were several soldiers and an Episcopalian minister from Iolani present too— all were good sports and participated and we laughed so much we nearly had tears. I got home about 8:00.

Sunday I had Sunday School as usual. Then Margaret and Michiko came over. I had them look over the snapshots you sent, and they recognized Matsuo Higuchi— About 5 I had a buffet supper for Chaplain Huggins. I had Shigemi, Molly, Betty Hiraoka and Jiro over to meet him, and we all had a nice time. Fixed a meat loaf, potato salad, my butter-schotch rolls, olives and pickles, and our old Higuchi stand by, jello for dessert! Horace couldn't come as Slim Hayakawa was married at Makiki church that day to some town girl so he had to go to the wedding with Joan.

We had a nice crowd at Church; Chaplain spoke on "The Real Measure of a Man"; he brought a couple of soldeirs along who sand and accompanied. The singer is a former member of the S.F. opera company, and he sang, "The Lord's prayer"—very beautifully; the chpalain assistant was the accompanist. After the service the two boys sang and played for us and everyone sang too— it was very informal and nice. Shigemi announced plans for the annual Church picnic to be held this coming Sunday the 7th at Waipahu Beach. Everyone is helping out with transportation and soda water— they are taking the Sunday School kids along too. I won't be able to go as I have to help Grace chaperone the Waipahu High GR dance at the high school from 1 to 4 that afternoon. The service was over about 9, and Jiro brought us home. He usually takes me to Church these days, its better that way, as I hate to drive at night.

When I got home Sam called up. I had told him this year we weren't planning on a birthday party for Peter; so he called up to say that on the 3d (tomorrow) he is bringing Ai Youhg, Mona, Eddie, Daisy, Shinso and Nora out. They are bringing noodles and a birthday cake for Peter as a surprise for supper! Isn't that grand of them to think of Peter. I will write you all about it. I plan to take Peter into town this Saturday which is also my birthday and we will take in a show.

Yesterday I started working for the Y. I went into town with Shigemi about 8, and had a conference with the boss. Then went over to the Haw'n Board and saw Dunny with Shigemi. Talked with him for an hour and a half, about all kinds of things. Says he doubts if Fry will put any renovations into the building, although Fry's board owns the building. Thinks Miho will get back soon, as he has a 2 class priority now, and was formerly down in the 4 bracket. Dunny was all praises for our Church group-- says there are only two real Congregational churches in the Terr. ours and Paia, wh re the congregation carries on. He is proud of all your efforts and was feeling around to see what you would like to do when you come back. He is planning now to make a place for you, and wondered what you wanted. He has in mind several plans, Waipahu, Hilo, Maui, or Kauai-- you can take your choice I guess-- He has some malininis coming, but says he is not taking them on a permanent basis, as he definitely feels our local boys who are coming back should have first choice-- thus he has to be making plans even now for two years hence. I told him I really didn't know what you had in mind, but to wait and see. Dunny was so nice-- he assured me that if circumstances should be that I would have to support the family-- for me not to worry as he would like me to work for the Board-- anyways its reassuring to know he will help us out. Then Shigemi and I had lunch at the canteen; then I did some shopping for about an hour. Shigemi brought me back about 3, we also picked up Mrs. Nishimoto and Mrs. Rokuu. I found your Album at the post office to be given to the Church with the large picture of you and West with your C.O. it was a very nice picture. I got Mel's letter yesterday too--

This morning I went to Kunia school on my job; when I got there I found the whole school just leaving for an outing-- so talked to Mr. Awai. Incidentally Mr. Awai has been ordained as a minister for the Haw'n board in Waianae. He has a few years more before retirement as school principal so is now doing a dual job. Dunny thinks he is a good man

I stopped in Waipahu on the way back and left the Album with Horace. Also visited Billie Hamada-- her baby looks just like her husband; she is hoping to see him soon. Said Clara Mishima and child had recently returned from the mainland; she is married to a sailor; couldn't stand the discrimination on the mainland-- its too bad isn't it?

This afternoon I have to go to Winnie Bowman's in Ewa with Miss Vellom for a council meeting. Obachan is swell about helping me out-- it will put m re work on her for me to go out like this, but I hope to make it up to her and give her some spending money in return.

Yesterday was Lei Day; I dropped in the City hall for amminute ans saw them preparing for the program-- different schoold had leis exhibited but no prizes were given this year. Service men were being given flower leis, and it was very festive with the music and dancing and cameras clicking all around. Peter made a cute lei at school yesterday out

of paper straws and colored paper. Incidentally he walked all the way home yesterday from the highway— he is really growing up— he said he wanted to to he could get the experience. I didn't want to bother Mrs. Suzuki as her children are ill now.

Doc has been so nice in picking up Peter each morning to take him to school, although his kids are ill now and don't go themselves.

Horace said he received a letter from you last week— Shigemi and I were talking about Molly— he said that Maryyasu Oshiro was going to try to intercede for them and stop the feud— hope so. Its all so silly.

My YWCA schedule is as follows;

Tues: 9:15 Kunia
Wed: 12:10 Waipahu High
Thurs: 12:10 Waipahu Intermediate
12:45 Waipahu Elementary
Fri: 1:15 Aiea

Staff meetings are on Wed at 8 at the main Y, but I doubt if I can make it. I am going to ask for a "C" gas ration book— the Y reimburses me with mileage. I have sent in my withholding tax form taking all the exemptions for Jane, Peter and Obachan. I don't think my tax will be much under the circumstances on such a little salary.

It's time to feed Jane now, almost noon, and also must make lunch, so will stop now.

Please take care of yourself, dear— we miss you so much— this is the kind of a day we could all go on a nice picnic if you were here— the shower trees are coming into bloom— and it is gardenia season too— Don't worry about us— everything is all right here— you finish your job soon, and hurry home, please.

Love,
Huaho

P.S. Do you know Chaplain Gregg, formerly of Shelby? He is the one who is here and says he took you around when you first arrived in camp. He is a Negro.

Am @ post office & just got your letters of April 25 & 26th with your new address - I'm so relieved to know you're all right and to get your address.

I can't understand why you haven't received my letters - I've written on the average of 3 times weekly - maybe you'll get them all in a batch. Please don't worry about us - just take care of yourself and write when you can - We'll notify the church of your new address.