

July 12, 1945

Dearest Mom,

Can hardly wait to see you. Shall I go to Chicago and meet you there, and then we can come back together to Minny.

I started laundry-work last Monday, but I can manage my time as long as I get in 4 hours a nite. And we don't work on Saturday or Sunday. Maybe, I can leave Friday nite and meet you at Art's. This all depends on whether I get paid this coming Monday. If not, then, I'll wait for you in Minny.

Oh, could you find my light blue denim slacks that I used to wear all the time? I need slacks here, but don't ~~send~~ bring any others if you can't find the denim ones. The others don't seem to fit right. Wait, maybe the blue ones ~~isn't~~ too bad. Or do I have a blue one? Navy blue, I think it was....and the blue sweater you knitted. Would certainly like to have that sweater.

Don't be surprised how small my room is. I'm trying to get a room for both of us temporarily somewhere else; or rather, not for you and I, but for you and Kaz Watanabe's sister. Kaz's sister is in Chicago right now and will be coming to Minny about the same time you will.

Oh, and Mom, can you find that bunch of old pictures (snaps) of the kids I used to have in clubs in San Pedro? Would certainly like to have that.

And Cusader things.....if you could send down.

And let's write some letters while we're together. I just haven't been writing.

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And of course, let's take in a lot of shows; eat at all the nice places in town; go visiting.....and Mom, there's a lot of people I want you to meet.

And let's visit the fort too. Then you can see David Tawat and his wife, Bill Nakako and his wife (you say they're married, didn't you?), and Pete Yamazaki, Willy Imanaka, Aki Kawahara, etc., etc. boys that you know.

Won't it be fun?

Be prepared for a good time, good chow, and rainy weather.

Juanita's anxious to see you too.

Oh!!!! Did I tell you? Darling, wonderful, luscious Bill is now a sergeant.

(Bad news)

And oh, thanx for the blue dress. It fits just ~~writes~~ right. The jacket still is a little "off." It's rather loose and baggy around the waist and hips, and the darts in the back start too high. If I send it right away could you fix it and bring it back with you. Otherwise, in another month, I probably won't be able to wear it. It'll be cold. And I'm sure I won't be able to wear it next year. As it is now, the sleeves are too tight; the shoulders too narrow. If I wash it once, I won't be able to get into it.

(Pause).... Gosh - forgive my particularness.

Just ~~fixed~~ ^{fixed} ~~basted~~ ^{fixed} it, but maybe now I have it too tight. It's still loose around the waist. Maybe you can do something about it. The waist is where the pin is put. The waist should be lowered to the pin-mark.

Ever criticizingly - but -
honestly, I'm grateful. Love, Mary