

Dearest Mom.....

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July
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CHEER, THANK FOR SENDING THE DRESS,
DIRNDLE SKIRT, and JACKET. NEEDED SUMMER
CLOTHES VERY BADLY.

AND THANK TOO FOR SENDING THE
SAMPLE WALL PAPERS. LIKED ALL OF THEM
VERY MUCH. (BILL LIKED THE ONE FOR THE
TOILET-ROOM BEST).^{By the} Now I CAN SORT OF
PICTURE WHAT THE HOUSE LOOKS LIKE INSIDE.
GUESS YOU'RE ANXIOUS AS EVER FOR ART and
CHIYO'S ARRIVAL. IT'LL BE A NICE REUNION.

SOME DAY, BILL AND I WILL BE
VISITING YOU. WOULD LIKE BILL TO SEE SAN
PEDRO BUT... SAN PEDRO WOULD BE NO
PLACE FOR BILL. THIS WORLD IS SO MUCH
BIGGER; BIGGER IN SO MANY WAYS. PETE
WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT I MEAN.

NEXT YEAR WE HOPE YOU'LL COME
OUT HERE TO NEW YORK FOR A COUPLE OF
WEEKS. BILL WANTS TO SEND YOU THAT
EXPENSE MONEY HIMSELF. BY THEN, WE
MIGHT HAVE MORE THAN A ONE-ROOM
APARTMENT. ~~LIKE WE HAVE NOW~~

YOU'LL LIKE NEW YORK, MOM. IT'S
AWFULLY FAST-LIVING..... BUT IT'LL BE A
CHANGE FROM SAN PEDRO.... AND A CHANGE
IS ALWAYS FUN.

PLEASE DON'T THINK I'M LOOKING DOWN
ON SAN PEDRO. IT'LL ALWAYS BE MY "HOME-
TOWN" AND I DO MISS THE FAMILY.... BUT
HOME WOULDN'T BE HOME WITHOUT BILL.
NEW YORK IS MY HOME NOW. BILL HAS MADE
IT SO.

My world has become larger too. Bill has opened new ~~scenes~~ scenes to me. He's taken me to places I've never dreamed of^{seeing}. He's helped me to "see" farther, and enjoy more fully; and live more abundantly.

We've done so many things^{and gone to many places} in the few months that we've been married. Today makes it exactly five months. Feb. 9 to July 9. Time flies.

LAST WEEK I WENT TO THE DOCTOR FOR A COMPLETE PHYSICAL. SEEMS I'M JUST FATIGUED AND WITH A LITTLE REST, I'LL BE O.K. I WEIGH 90 LBS. - EVEN...WITH MY CLOTHES ON. AM TRYING TO GET UP TO A 100. AM TAKING YEAST PILLS (9 A DAY).

Will start looking for a job again at the end of this week. Am going on my fourth week of resting. Bill has been working steadily. In September, he'll start school.

Do Art and Chiro write about their trip here? The four of us went everywhere together; 'Dad' went with us several times too. We took in a show at the Radio City (famous for its stage show); took pictures at the park; rode on double-decker buses; even went to a nite-club. And oh yes,

THE FOUR OF US ATTENDED ~~CHURCH~~ SERVICES
AT REV. AKAMATSU'S CHURCH.

Oh! ABOUT Bill NOT WRITING. He's
BEEN TERRIBLY BUSY AND PEOPLE ARE
CONTINUOUSLY COMING OVER. SOON AS TIME
PERMITS, HE'LL WRITE TO OBASAN and
MRS. IKEUCHI. I KNOW IT'S AWFUL OF US
NOT TO ~~BE~~ KEEP UP OUR CORRESPONDENCE,
BUT SOON AS WE'RE SETTLED DOWN TO A
MORE ROUTINE-WAY OF LIVING, WE'LL BE
WRITING FREQUENTLY.

Do MELVIN and his WIFE ^{Valley} ~~Alicia~~
GET TO VISIT YOU? THEY'RE A WONDERFUL
COUPLE. MELVIN USED TO BE A HIGH SCHOOL
COACH ON KAUAI. Valley IS AN ITALIAN
GIRL; VERY SWEET, IMMACULATELY NEAT,
AND VERY LIKEABLE. SHE'S BEEN ILL SINCE
SHE STARTED HER TRIP. SHE'S ON HER
FOURTH MONTH OF PREGNANCY.

YURI (TAONO) IS EXPECTING THIS
MONTH. SAE'S FEELING and LOOKING WON-
DERFUL THO. YESTERDAY WE ALL WENT
TO ROCKAWAY BEACH ON THE TRAIN.
(YURI, BONES, Baby TERRY, . . . and ~~#~~ US).
MITSU TSUJI'S LITTLE MICHAEL IS A
BIG BOY NOW. HE'S RUNNING AROUND.
HE'S ABOUT 20 MONTHS OLD.

(I GUESS I TOLD YOU MITSU and ERNEST
HAD PARTED. BUT HE'S BACK IN THE
MAINLAND AGAIN and MAYBE THEY'LL GET
TOGETHER).

THANKY FOR TELLING ME ABOUT
CHARLIE SCHWARTZ. IT WAS GOOD TO
HEAR THE HAPPY NEWS. WE SENT
HIM A CONGRATULATION CARD RIGHT AWAY.

I COULDN'T BELIEVE ABOUT MERLE
AND BARBARA. THEY WERE SO HAPPY
TOGETHER WHEN THEY USED TO COME OVER.

PLEASE SAY "H'LO" TO FORREST
WHENEVER YOU SEE HIM. HE'S A DARN
GOOD FELLOW.

OH! WE JUST HEARD FROM MICKEY
(DAVIS) WILLIAMS YESTERDAY. WE ALSO
HEAR FROM PEARLE (BROWN) JONES (THAT
BEAUTIFUL TANNED GIRL; DAVID "POCKY"
ROGERS, TERRY CROSKREY, AND QUITE
A FEW OTHER SAN PEDRANS'. ESPECIALLY
MARGIE CROOK.

ONE OF BILL'S BEST BUDDY IS
LIVING IN PASADENA. HE'S PETE'S AGE -
(ABOUT 25). IT'D BE WONDERFUL IF
PETE WOULD GO OVER TO PASADENA
SOMETIME AND INVITE HIM OVER FOR
A WEEK END. WILL WRITE TO PETE
ABOUT IT PRONTO. THIS FELLOW'S NAME

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IS EDDY SINGLETON.

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CHANGING THE SUBJECT TO AN ENTIRELY
DIFFERENT FIELD, HOW ARE THE PRICES
IN CALIFORNIA NOW. THAT THERE'S NO OPA?
IN NEW YORK, THE PRICES HAVE GONE
SKY-HIGH. GROUND ROUND (1 LB.) IS
ABOUT 90¢. MEAT, OF ANY KIND, IS
TERRIFIC!

VEGETABLE and CANNED STUFF TOO.
AND IT'S HARD TO GET RICE. THERE'S NO
JELLO, ^{mayonnaise}, SALAD OIL, SYRUP. WE GET BUTTER
(1/4 LB.) ONCE A WEEK. BREAD, IN OUR
LOCALITY IS SCARCE. IT DEPENDS WHERE
YOU LIVE.

ON TOP OF FOOD, RENT, ETC., MOST
OF OUR MONEY HAS BEEN GOING TO
THE DOCTOR OR DENTIST. DID I TELL
YOU THAT THE WISDOM TOOTH I HAD
PULLED COST \$25.00. (Wow! 25 BUCKS
FOR 1 TOOTH). OUCH! WELL, WE AND
LEARN. ~~But~~

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Oh... YOU MENTIONED MAKING A
DIENDE AND A DRESS. WAS THAT
CORRECT? (HOPE I READ ~~you~~ RIGHT).
THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL! (Ah
SMILES NOW). WILL SEND YOU A DRESS
PATTERN OR A PICTURE.

My waist is about 23.

Talking about sewing, Chiko and Art said you might have an extra sewing machine around the house (the one you had in camp). Is that correct? Wow! I hope so. Would certainly like to do some sewing. I still haven't done Bill's shirt that I said I would.

Gosh — I better go shopping before Bill gets back.

So — will close here.

Love,

Mary

P.S. Cher, Obasan and Mrs. Ike's Umehoshi, Tsukemono, Sen-Bel has certainly been a big help to us when we have footie guests. They all go for it in a big way because they miss it. Please tell them "THANK" AND tell them Bill will be writing.

P.S. Isao & Tadao Uchi were over the other day. Was good seeing them. MASA Koba's younger sister, Kazuo was over too with her cousin.