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Dearest Mom

My gosh! What's happened?

We got Chiyo's letter this morning just as Bill started to leave for school. We sent a nite-letter telegram immediately. Hope you're coming along all right. We're awfully worried so let us know how you're feeling.

We hope there'll be no after-effects. And what about the two cuts on your forehead and scratches on your face? They won't leave a scar, will they?

It certainly startled us.

Bill and I both left the house together when we found your letter down-stairs. I was to go to the clinic's mothers' class.

After reading your letter, I felt so jittery and nervous. I could hardly wait to get home to write to you.

Chee, please take it easy. Rest up good. It must have been quite a shock.

Who is your doctor? Still Guidinger? Or the doctor on 7th and Pacific,

(CAN'T THINK OF HIS NAME)

YOU KNOW NOW, THIS MAY SOUND STRANGE, BUT FROM ABOUT EXACTLY A WEEK AGO, SOMETHING MADE ME WORRY ABOUT YOU. MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE I HADN'T HEARD FROM YOU. OR MAYBE, THERE'S SUCH A THING AS INTUITION.

SEEMS THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED JUST ABOUT THE TIME I STARTED TO SENSE THIS "WORRY."

STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

GUESS YOU WERE HEADING FOR LOS ANGELES TO DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. CAN JUST PICTURE WHAT L.A. DOWN-TOWN SECTION LOOKS LIKE WITH ALL ITS DECORATIONS. IS IT AS COLORFUL AS PRE-WAR DAYS?

HAVEN'T SEEN TOO MUCH OF NEW YORK'S TIMES SQUARE OR THE CHILDREN'S SECTION OF DEPT. STORES, BUT I HEAR IT'S "TERRIFIC" OUT HERE TOO. YET, I DON'T THINK ANY SHOW-WINDOW COULD LOOK AS CLEVERLY ARRANGED AS BULLOCKS AND MAY CO. REMEMBER HOW YOU USED TO TAKE US KIDS EACH

CHRISTMAS. WHAT A HUSTLE-BUSTLE
IT WAS, HUH? YOU COULDN'T DO YOUR
SHOPPING WITH PETE AND I TAGGING.
GEE, TIME GOES BY FAST, DOESN'T
IT NOW? WE GROW UP TOO FAST. BUT IT'S
FUN TO LOOK BACK, THO' IT ALMOST MAKES
^{ME} ~~YOU~~ CRY FROM NOSTALGIA.

HOPE YOU'LL HAVE A CHRISTMAS
TREE UP... A NICE BIG ONE LIKE
YOU USED TO.

WE'RE GOING TO GET A SMALL
ONE IF WE CAN. IT MAKES SUCH
A BIG DIFFERENCE IN A HOME
DOESN'T IT WHEN THE HOUSE IS DEC-
ORATED WITH CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS?

CHANGING THE SUBJECT, HOW WAS
THANKSGIVING DAY? BILL AND I WERE
GOING TO PHONE YOU, BUT WE HADN'T
TOLD YOU IN ADVANCE AND I WAS
WORRIED YOU MIGHT NOT BE HOME.

WHERE DID YOU HAVE YOUR ^{BIG} SUPPER?
AT OBASANS? MAZU'S OR AT... ^{WED.}

(THE NEXT DAY) ... / Dec.
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CONTINUING ...

... OR AT HOME? DID ALL THE RELATIVES GET

TOGETHER THE COATAS, ETC.? CAN JUST PICTURE EVERYBODY. AND CAN PICTURE THE PACKED TABLE WITH ALL THE EATS:

SOME DAY, MAYBE BILL AND I CAN MAKE IT ON THANKSGIVING. THERE'LL PROBABLY BE A FEW ADDITIONS BY THEN.

OUR THANKSGIVING WAS QUITE UNEXPECTED AND VERY NICE. WE WENT WITH MARIAN AND GIANT KITAGAWA TO A HAKUJIN FRIEND OF THEIRS ON LONG ISLAND MR. AND MRS. WISE. THEY'RE AN ELDERLY COUPLE IN THEIR FIFTY AND SIXTIES — and THEY'RE REALLY NICE.

THEY GAVE US THE HUGEST SUPPER WITH EVERYTHING FROM SOUP TO NUTS.

WE STARTED WITH A MARTINI (YES, I CAN DRINK 'EM — he he) THEN TURKEY SOUP, BROILED MACKEREL, and THE BIG DINNER TURKEY (20 LBS.), RICE, ASPARAGUS, MASHED POTATOES, YELLOW TURNIP, CREAMED ONIONS, STUFFINGS, PEA, CRANBERRY, BUNS, & GREEN OLIVES. THEN COFFEE, MINCED PIE, TEA, ICE-CREAM, NUTS and CREAM DE MINT (AFTER DINNER DRINK).

GOSH, I WAS SO FULL I COULD HARDLY MOVE. I HAD TO TAKE THE GARTER BELT OFF TOO.

THIS COUPLE HAS A SON IN THE MARINES, STATIONED IN HAWAII. THAT'S WHY SHE LIKES THE ORIENTALS, BECAUSE THEY TREATED HER SON SO NICE OVER THERE.

HE WAS ONCE ENGAGED TO A JAPANESE GIRL.

IF YOU HAVE TIME, WOULD YOU THANK THEM TOO. YOU COULD WRITE TO:

Mr. and Mrs. Vise
% LORD and TAYLORS (ALTERATION DEPT.)
FIFTH AVENUE, N.Y.C., N.Y.

CHANGING THE SUBJECT WE JUST SENT OUT OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS THIS MORNING. OBASAN and OBISAN ^{WAS} ~~WERE~~ SENT BY THE STORE. HOPE ~~THEY~~ ^{IT} REACHES IN TIME.

WE JUST GOT GIFTS FOR RELATIVES ONLY. CH — and NOVELTY BOOKS FOR CHYO SUZUKI and Mr. EARL FINCH.

WE STARTED ON CHRISTMAS CARDS JUST TWO DAYS AGO. WISH WE HAD STARTED EARLIER BUT IT SEEMS WE ALWAYS PUT OFF TIL THE LAST MINUTE.

I'VE BEEN TAKING IT AWFULLY EASY, SINCE I QUIT WORK. HAVE BEEN GETTING LOTS OF REST, EXERCISE, and SLEEP. BUT TOO.

I HAD ONE WEEK OF SEVERE HEART-BURN ATTACK and HAVE THROWN UP QUITE A BIT SINCE THANKSGIVING DAY, BUT I'M GETTING TO LOOK MORE and MORE PREGNANT.

I WENT TO THE DOCTOR'S LAST WEEK . . .
AND WAS WEIGHED AT $89\frac{1}{2}$ BUT I LOOK
MUCH HEAVIER. I MUST WEIGH ABOUT 95
NOW. I THINK I REGISTERED LOW BECAUSE
I HAD BEEN THROWING UP SEVERAL DAYS
PREVIOUS TO THE VISIT THERE.

HEART-BURN IS MISERABLE! IT'S NAUSEA,
VOMITING, WRETCHING, ERUCTING . . . EVERYTHING
PUT TOGETHER PLUS THAT AWFUL BURNING
SENSATION.

Oh! You SHOULD SEE MY BREASTS.
Boy! IT LOOKS REALLY "BUILT UP." WISH
IT WOULD ALWAYS STAY THIS WAY. I THINK I
CAN FIT INTO A SIZE 36 NOW. AM
WEARING SIZE 34 AND IT'S TIGHT.

I ALSO NOTICE THE LINE GOING UP
MY TUMMY IS GETTING DARKER. AND
THE SKIN ON MY BODY IS STRETCHING ALL
OVER. MY STOMACH'S GETTING HARDER TOO.

IT'S FUN WATCHING THESE CHANGES.

By THE WAY . . . GOSH WE DIDN'T KNOW
MO WAS EXPECTING TOO. WE JUST FOUND
OUT A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. SHE'S EX-
PECTING HERS IN MAY.

CURS . . . I ONCE SAID WAS MARCH.
I CHECKED AGAIN. IT'S APRIL . . . SO
IT MAY FALL ON YOUR BIRTHDAY.

Oh! ABOUT TWO MONTHS FROM NOW, IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY.... BE SURE AND LOOK FOR A STORY OF A NISEI G.I. IN THE COWBOY MAGAZINE. I DON'T KNOW WHO THE AUTHOR IS, BUT BIL POSED FOR THE HERO IN THE STORY. THE ARTIST WHO DREW HIM IS THE WELL-KNOWN MARIO COOPER. TELL CHIYO AND ART TO BE LOOKING FOR IT. BIL, OR RATHER THE HERO, WILL BE POSED SIDEWAYS, SHOWING A PROFILE VIEW.

MITSI TSUJI (ERVIE'S WIFE) POSED AS THE HERO'S GIRL-FRIEND. SHE'S IN A CHEESE-CAKE POSE.

AN ISSEI FROM LOS ANGELES IS BEING DRAWN FROM MEMORY BY THE ARTIST. MAYBE YOU'LL RECOGNIZE HIM TOO. THO' I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS.

BIL POSED JUST 10 MINUTES AND GOT A CHECK FOR \$10.00. YOW! FOR A LIFE OF A MODEL!!! NOT BAD, HUH MOM?

YURI TANO'S MOTHER MAY BE COMING OUT THIS WAY SOON. HER BROTHER, SAM IS GOING TO START A DENTAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL, SAME AS GIANT AND HOWARD KOSUMA.

P.S. WHEN WOULD IT BE BEST TO TELEPHONE YOU AGAIN. NAME CONVENIENT DATE AND TIME.

LAST WEEK, QUITE A FEW 442nd BOYS WERE OVER.... DICK KOGA, ERNEST TSUJI, HOWARD KOZUMA, SAM YAMASHITA (O.A.); IRVING ARAHOSHI, (100th INF. DSC); SATORU KATO (MEDICS WHO LOST A LEG); YUKIO TANAKA (BAND); JUNIOR OGAI (Hq. 3rd); GUNT and MARIAN.

ALICE IYAMOTO ^{IS GOING TO} ~~MASS~~ VISIT US DURING CHRISTMAS VACATION. TED TSUKUYAMA TOO.

DOUY NAGAI MAY VISIT IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY.

COULD YOU SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO REV. and MRS. AKAMATSU. THEY'RE AWFULLY NICE...and GOSH MRS. AKAMATSU IS A WONDERFUL COOK. ADDRESS IS:

300 - W. 107th ST.
N.Y.C., N.Y.

OH! I'LL BE SURE AND THANK MRS. TANAKA. BY THE WAY, TELL HER WE MET ^{SOME} A VERY GOOD FRIEND OF THEIRS. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE COUPLE'S NAME, BUT THEY RUN A RESTAURANT HERE CALLED YOSHI-NOYA. I THINK THEY SAID THEY'RE FROM ARTESIA OR ALHAMBRA.

GOSH. I HOPE YOU'LL BE FEELING BETTER BY THE TIME THIS LETTER REACHES YOU. H'LO TO CHYO, ART + PETE....THE RELATIVES TOO.

Joan. Mary

NOE'S ADDRESS. WOULD YOU KNOW TOMOJI YAGI SENT A LETTER TO BE FORWARDED TO THEM. P.S. AGAIN.