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DIARY

1/1/40 Stayed home and rested. Only four okayakusans came to the house. Shoychi went down town and Takashi went to show. U. S. C. won over U. of Tenn. Had a very enjoyable and happy New Years Day.

Shigeko Uno sent me the notebook for etiquette class. Started working for Mrs. Stien today. This year has been warm. Mrs. Yonago had lots of company for turkey dinner. Stayed and worked till 11 P.M.

To I have made up my mind to visit ~~Japan~~ Japan. Fukuma-sans store is all fixed up and it surely looks nice and roomy now. They were very busy during Xmas and Years New.

Stayed at Stiens tonight. The building next to Yonago-san is going to be a Triple X. It's coming up good.

Received a letter from Irene Fukumiyo. She wants me to bring her things to Japan.

I didn't go to Japanese School today. I'm going to quit the school because I'm so busy working at Stiens.

Stayed home and rested again. Mother and Dad went to Taguchi's new house for first time. Got a picture of Kakaga-wa-san's family.

Another lovely day; the clothes dried wonderfully out of doors. Katsuko Nakai Katoki wrote and wants me to bring her things.

Perfect day, just like spring. Baby Ellen stayed out of doors about 45 minutes. G. L. Girls Basketball Team are putting on a snazzy Dutch Treat Dance at Washington Hall. Went to Beth Johnstone Missionary Circle.

Mrs. Stien gave me two pair of old shoes. Mrs. Yonago started her ball classes again.

G. L. Girls Basketball practice every Thursday at Baptist Church Gym. Isabelle Hanson got a telephone now. She phoned today.

Got an interesting letter from Phyllis Thompson. Working hard and am very busy. I'm tired at nights.

It is very hard working for two people; because I have to run back and forth. But I've been very healthy, and haven't had a cold yet.

Made Almond Rocka at Mrs. Fukuma from one thirty to five o'clock. She taught me how. Use... It surely is delicious candy. I made six pounds. Communion ~~Service~~ Service at our church.

There was a big fire in Shizuoka, Japan. Lots of the town burned to ruins. Shoychi plays for Johnson Bombers now.

1/16/40 Mrs. Kumasaka has been in hospital since Dec. 29th and is still there. He had appendix. operation. Got a letter from Mrs. Course.

Mr. Hirakawa ~~x~~ was over and stayed over nite. The cleaners business is very slow this week.

Went shopping and got shoes -- 3.50; hankies .20; stocking 3.00; slip, 1.00; girdle, 2.00.

It snowed today. First cold this winter and it all melted by noon. Five librarians came to Yonago-sans and made Japanese dolls.

Today has been very dreary. I am working very hard.

Mariko and I went to U. W. G. Luncheon at Shigeko Uno at 12:30 after church. The tuna fish ~~scasserole~~ ~~scasserole~~ and fruit salad was ~~delicious~~ delicious. Had a business meeting later. Mariko stayed over night.

Received a letter from Japan, saying that they will be glad to see me.

I'm going to be busy next month getting prepared to go to Japan. Mars still isn't sure about ~~x~~ going.

Mrs. Yonago says I'll have to wait until someone else come to take my place. ~~But~~ I told her I would have to quit at the end of the month.

Shaichi got sick. ^{He} went to bed after school. Was exhausted, tired, and studying for tests. ^{He} has much to do in Scouts and basketball too.

Went shopping with mother. We went to the Bon Marche Month End Clearance. Shaychi got 2 A's and 3 B's; he's still in bed with a cold.

Stiens invited eight people for dinner. Was there almost all day helping, cleaning house and preparing dinner. I made the sukiyaki dinner. Party was successful. Mrs. S. made the drinks and they had cocktail before dinner, and again during bridge.

Saw Gome with the Wind ~~for~~ with Mrs. ~~MF~~ Fukuma. Arrived at 5th Avenue at 12:30. Line was already forming. So we waited from 12:30 to 2:20. We were almost first ones in so we got a ~~good~~ good loge seat. Fifth row center section (1.15). Mrs. F. treated me to a Japanese dinner at the Tenyashi. The four hours of the show didn't seem that long. It was perfect.

I'm sorta tired from working too tired. Going to quit at Stiens ~~&~~ tomorrow.

Received a post card from Miyasaka sensei. He is in Manchuria, he's going to China and then to Japan in March. He said he might be able to see me and ~~Mars~~ Mars.

Had ~~x~~ passport pictures taken at Jacksons. Tied back our hair with a rubber band to show our ears. 1.00 for three little pictures. We ordered our navy dressmakers suit. Mrs and I got a suit ~~e~~ alike at Fredericks which put us back about 24.00. I think it's worth it though.

2/1/40. Went shopping with Mars. Took 30.00 out of my bank. It was such a lovely day after a long day of shopping ~~were~~ were driving up 5th Avenue and we got homesick, before leaving Seattle. Funny but it was true.

Downtown and got our passports at the Post Office Building on the third ~~th~~ floor. Cost over 10.00. Had little trouble with mine, on account of my birth certificate, but hope it comes thru all right.

Got my passport affidavit straightened out, with Dad. Worked at Yonago-san's in the afternoon.

Mars came ~~over~~ over and we talk together over our shopping and all the other things we had to buy. We have already spent .50 to 60 each and we've only gone about 1/4 of the way. Mas and Miko came over. I made some tuna fish casserole and all had dinner together, was going to ~~x~~ show but was too late.

Mr. Fiyii came to Yonago-sans to work. I worked till noon. Mrs. Y. gave me a box of soap and nice velvet material.

Now that I'm home I can relieve mother of cooking. Stayed home and did work.

I've been staying home and cooking my best for the family.

The date of our trip to Japan is drawing nearer, and much of it is being real.

~~The~~ Cleaned house and worked around home.

Stayed home and worked. I'm looking forward to my trip to Japan.

Kigunsetsu program at the G. L. Japanese School. They served candy and the grown ups had tea. We all enjoyed it. Shoychi read a long speech. He said ~~it~~ it good.

Lincoln's Birthday. I went to dentist in afternoon. First day at Nakagawa senseis for class.

Our classes of Japanese and etiquette at Nak. Met George Hashimari. He is leaving for Japan on the 23rd. Shopped in afternoon.

St. Valentine's Day. The tulips sold very well this year. This is really the first year we had luck with the tulips and hyacinths. Lessons as usual, but we missed George today. Shopped afterwards.

Lessons as usual at seneis. I went to see Nagai-sans afterwards.

2/16/40. Cleaned house and helped mother all I can.

Learned the form of letter writing from Nakagawa sensei at the Fujin Home. Stopped in at the ~~xxx~~ Nutburger. Had lots of fun there giggling at the boy in next car.

I am still teaching Sunday School. I think that it will be my last time today. Took our group picture at Jackson studio at 1:30. Visited Mrs. Fukuma at the store and sorta helped her with customers.

Did some shopping with Mariko. Had a dentist appointment.

I went to Nagai-sans and Nakagawa sans to do my sewing. Sewing is a lot of work.

Mars and I got our fortnighter. Stopped at Lincoln and met some of the teachers. One way home Mars, Michiko and I stopped at Yonago-sans and had sherriko. Mrs. Yonago is very busy with her doll making. Went to W. N. G. Kengakudan Dinner at Fuyii Home at six o'clock. It was given by three Torii W. W. G's. Had a basketball game at nine at Baptist Gym with W. W. G. Greek Lake Girls lost, but was a good game. Stopped in a bowling alley on way home.

Had etiquette class at Kakugo Kakko from 10-12. A.M. Went to Isabelles in evening. We surely had an enjoyable evening playing the piano, looking at scrap-books, and had cake and milk. Had dinner at Mars. Saw Satoko. She came out to see us.

Got my passports this morning, that I long for so long. It was the happiest girl in town when I saw my passport. It was really worrying me. Went shpping in morning. Went to Smith. Come to see Fuyo-kai Girls off to Japan. My first experience of seeing any one off. I ~~was~~ was invited to a dinner at ^Mariko's. Mariko sure is doing a lot of for us and is so kind and nice to us. The G. L. Girls ~~x~~ sprang a surprise party on ^Mars and I. We were never so surprised in all our lives. Had a cake for us say 'Bon Voyage Mariko and Lucy'. We each got a pair of nice silk stockings from each of the about 15 girls present. It was such a big thrill, I'll never ~~ga~~ forget it. Had a very fine time playing games, opening presents, and eating refreshments.

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2/24/40 Dinner given to the W N G girls by Mr. and Mrs. Nakagawasensei at Maneki Cafe at 6:30. It surely was nice, and the dinner was very tastey even though we sat on the tatami. We girls received instructions in eating our meal, serving tea, seating people, and speaking proper Japanese.

Mariko's birthday! The Baptist Church Dinner at five o'clock. Corsages for all the girls. The Shiki consisted of Speeches by the honorable Consul Sato, Nakagawasensei, Church representatives, all were inspiring and informative. The dinner was down in the basement, with about 100 or over present. It was a truly enjoyable and happy atmosphere enjoyed by all. Little program followed with us girls singing Japanese song. Stayed for church. Mrs. McCallough gave us such an inspirational talk about the conference that it moved both Mars and My heart. It was first time Mars ever cried in Church. It made me so happy.

Dr. Tucker injected the typhoid shots into Mars and my arm. We had our passports visaed at the consulates office on Third and Marion on 6th floor. Ate again at Rhodes Department Store. Met Yuki Ito from Vancouver, who is Mars friend. Mars showed Yuki around town; and we visited the aquarium and saw the interesting sea animals. Stopped in at the Nutberger and had hamburger and soda.

Had our last etiquette class at Kokugo Yakko. Sensei showed us moving picture of etiquette. Ate at King Ka Law. Mr Kuma-saka treated us. Mars visited her dentist Dr. Jukuda. At two o'clock all of us girls got our smallpox vaccination at 2 from Dr Paul Suzuiki. G.L.Y.P's dinner for us at 8 p.m. at the Hitching Post. Mars and I had to give speeches. Danced after the dinner and we all had a perfect night! I sure enjoyed myself tremendously.

I was invited to dinner at Tanagi-san with Mars. Everything was all very nice. She made so much fochisou. Mr. Tangai gave us an advice. He said study comes first, and don't have anything else interfere. Saw Ayako and her son Roger. G.L. Girls played Auburn. Score was 19-19.

Visited Queen Anne High. Saw Miss Furry, Thomas and Mr. Hefellfinger and Foster. I wanted to see rest of them but didn't have time. Arrived at Consuls home at 3:05 for tea. The consul and wife are so gracious and so nice. We had our pictures taken in front of their home and garden. The Consul gave us a very informative and worthwhile speech on Japan on his recent trip there. Had tea in their lovely dinner room. The osushis and candy tea were delicious.

Tomura's Memoranda: Winter vacation was my third time to Tomura. This last time experiencing most pleasant days of my life. Passing Nakagawa place and cinema house my mind continually drifted back to last summer. That's the only reason I like Mito. Even at Mito(ojisans home) I remember what he and I talked about, did, and enjoyed ourselves. I just had a craving for tomura. In the bus I can remember the ride last summer, he was always on my mind. My eyes were attracted by the well kept shojis that he and I papered. The shojis definitely brought back those memories stored and kept back in my heart. I can close my eyes then picture that summer afternoon when he and I talked of so many things. If only he was here now. But dreaming of the past, my heart is satisfied and the longing for him is erased, but just dreaming and thinking all to myself. Reflecting back pleasant memories satisfies a longing heart. Life is but a dream, so I am quite satisfied with just dreaming and hoping some day my prince will come. I sometimes have a feeling as if I lost my chance. I guess not though. I was so happy to hear Kambo was here at Tomura. I think of him as a big brother and I love him so, as a little cousin ought to. He is so human, so nice, so manly; just to be with him, hearing his voice and watching him gives me the most comfortable feeling. I just love to be by him. When I eat with him, I compare him with Heroshisan, he's quite different from him, but they both look at me with the same sort of eyes. Their laughs are alike. But their characters are quite different. They're both so kind and nice to me, I love them for it too. I shared my thoughts and memories with K e. and he told me his memories of Mother and Dad, of his boyhood days. Sitting in kotatsu and trying to keep warm with K. telling his storey to us all is something all of us will remember forever. I even wanted some of his orange he peeled for himself. He never thought of peeling it for me so I asked him, and sure enough with a pleasant smile he offered it to me. I'll never forget the silent hours of dreamland with him. Even in silence time chopped away too quickly for our sake. I like his natural and loveable actions which he always carries with him. What a lonesome feeling not to have either K. or H. at Tomura. When I'm eating alone I either expect one of the two there. Hearing footsteps I think it's one of them. Even Ichiro-san worries about whether I should go back to States or stay. I guess he thinks of me a lot too even though he doesn't show it. Otauru-san too is truthfully nice to me. She showed me all her new clothes, they were really beautiful. Whenever I hear ojisan talking it reminds me of dad. Obasan often called Kambo, Heroho. She's such a darling. Had a funny experience with her when she wanted her picture taken. She talks to me of Hirobb. We girls were

3/1/40 W girls were invited to tea at Chamber of Commerce. The men of Chamber gave us a farewell speech. Mary Tahara gave a Japanese speech on behalf of the Kingakudan girls. We enjoyed ice cream and cookies. We met the

Japanese dancer from Korea. She was nice looking. We all shook hands with her. She danced at Moore Theater and at present she is making a world tour and dancing at various cities.

Did last bit of shopping with mother; I sure hate to shop around. Mars and I got our typhoid shots. My arms ached and I was so tired that I didn't get all that I wanted. Mars played basketball with Bellingham girls. And they later had a social at Collins Field. Shaychi went to Onodasans to stay over night.

Went to church and said good bye to all the friends. Did practically all of the packing. I went around neighbors to say good bye. Louise Chenoweth showed me all the things her boy brought back for her from Japan, Shanghai, Philippines and Hawaii. She got a hope chest from Japan. She's laying away a lot in the chest. She wanted me to get her a tablecloth. Went downtown to say good-bye to people and friends. Takashi Yoshihara got married today.

Finished all packing. It was sure a lot of work. Mars and I went to get our hair fixed. Akira and Dad went to N.Y.K. and got Baggage Tags. And they took our heavy baggage to the boat. Mars went to dentist and I went and got Mar's camera and films and the wrist watch. Took a bath and went to bed. Lots of people came over. Tonight I am more excited than usual and was not able to sleep as soundly as I wanted to.

3/5/40 The day of sailing! What a happy and glorious day! The wonderful Spring weather brought many people to the Smith Cove. Got up at seven o'clock and put my suit on right away. Had nothing else to wear. Went to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Knapp. Dad brought our (Mars and I) luggage to the boat at 10:00 AM. Ate my last meal at home at 12:00. Reached Smith Cove at 1:30. Were almost first ones here. Saw so many people at the boat; but didn't cry until the boat started to move. My room no. is 315 berth no 98. It is smooth sailing today, no waves at all. Dinner at six and had sukiyaki, squash, clam soup and white rice. We all had a coca cola (10¢). Later went to smoking room and wrote letters and diary. Retired about 11.00

3/6/40 Anchored at Vancouver at 1:00 A.M. We were up then; they immediately started loading after docking and made much noise. It was difficult to go back to sleep. Woke up at 5:30 A.M., and ate breakfast at 7:00; had misashiru that tasted awful, scrambled eggs, shimitafu and rice. It seemed heavy to eat rice in morning. Started for the city of Vancouver about 8:00 A.M. Started walking, but took a taxi, mailed letters and cards. Shopped in ten cent stores and ate at Spencer Dept. Store. Had coffee, chicken sandwich. Poor food compared to Seattle. Again 9 girls came back on taxi at 11:00 A.M. Lots of people were on the boat. About 55 passengers got on here. Sailed at 12:00 and ate lunch; had toko. Fish for dinner at

5:30 . At 7:00 it seemed like we struck Pacific. Can feel the difference.

Walked the decks about twelve times last night before going to bed. The sea-sickness feeling dawned upon me at this time. Slept fine, awoke and washed up, but that was as far as I got. The continuous wave and rocking of the ship made me sick. Ruth, Mars, Wukioni, Grayce and Sono were only ones up and around. We ordered pictures from the photographer. I got dressed in afternoon and went to upper deck. It felt pretty good, but everything came up. I surely felt embarrassed. I went to bed. Mr Eiya invited Mars, Shigiko and I to tea, but I was too sick to go, so I wrote a note for Mars to give him, but she couldn't find him. I feel bad about it. Went to bed at nine, and slept pretty good.

I had strength enough to get up and wash up. I felt better than yesterday, but I stayed in bed. I didn't throw up at all today. Mars, Yikiono, Sono and Grayce were up. I was up from 5-5:30 but couldn't take it. We tipped the boy-san 12:00dollars today. I hope we get better service now. I ate quite a lot in bed today, because I was so hungry. At 7:30 the lucky girls who were up got to see a moving picture, both American and Japanese. They had tea afterwards. We are missing much from staying in bed. Went to bed early and slept fine.

Fifth day aboard the Hikawa Maru. Got up early and got up feeling swell. Ate toast and coffee for breakfast. All the girls are up today except Shigiko, Yoshi and Mary. Time goes very slow because they set the clock back 45 min. each day. Was up on the deck taking pictures and running around all morning. Had fish, renkon, and spinach. Took a bath,--Sono, Mars, Grayce and I,--and later did little washing. We played cards much of the afternoon, and the evening was spent writing letters, thank-you notes and diary. For supper we had pork, miso shiru, and kon-niyaku. A man treated us to ice cream, but I just hate it. Yukimi and I bought some H. candies.

Today being Sunday all the girls dressed up to go to Church. Went to low Mass at the Second Class Lounge. Was on deck to get fresh air; at this time the water of the ocean was 3 degrees F. The weather was very changeable, had sleet rain, snow, wind, and sunshine. Not only being cold the ocean was very rough today, and a lot of us felt cozy. At eleven we had a Protestant service at the First Class Lounge. It was all very nice. Had lunch. Played horse shoe games with girls. Later Mars and I went on Deck A and played ping-pong with Yoshio and George and later with two Officers; they're surely good players. Saw Ruth, Grayce and Sono in First Class Lounge with American and the Japanese Priest-(he smokes). Typed letters. Got our typhoid shots from Doctor of ship. We got acquainted with them. They wanted gum so we got 4 packages for them. He invited Mars and I to tea tomorrow at 3:30. Had

awful food for supper, but ate. Saw "Youth Takes a Flame" in Dining Room.

3/11/40 Awaken by the voices of little children at 6:30 A.M. Breakfast at 7:00 was enjoyed by Grayce, Mars, Ruth, Sonu, and I. Wrote in the W.W.G. Diary for Sunday 10th. Today the ocean is quite calm making people feel swell again. There are 106 3rd class, 20 tourist class and 4 cabin class. There are more little children from Vanc. Lunch of chop suey, su no dukon. Took pictures on upper deck with John, George, Yoshio, Mars, Ruth, Grayce and 2 officers and I. Played ping-pong on A deck until we were too cold to play any longer. Came in and played cards with George, John, Yukimi and I till 3:00. To tea to the Doctor of the Ship, Mr. Kokita at 3:30. We had mochi-jashi and tea; and talked about Japan and other interesting subjects till 5:00; sure very enjoyable. Had dinner at 5:30 of a udon and oysters. Trip to deck for fresh air with Mars and George. To the Lounge Room and played about 3 games of 500. Rumney with Mars and the 2 boys till 11:30. Everyone had Japanese pop in room 309. Many were up till late. Had our Christian American friends.

Up at 6:30 Breakfast at 7:00. Had my peaches. Yoshiko was up for breakfast and we showed her around the ship. The seas are as calm as anyone can expect, and were at the halfway point. One of my gardenias were fresh enough to put in my hair. We girls played with about five girls until noon. Had fish, shiru, daikan for lunch. Played cards with Van girl, John and Mars. Got ready for tea and was at Cabin Class Dining Room at 3:00. The Captain, and Purser of ship was present: says "fighting in China to decrease racial prejudice." Told us of the ship. He is very pleasant and friendly. The girls answered his question on our impression of the ship. Had dinner of cutlets, tofu, and miso shiru. The ocean was very calm today. Spoke to the chief engineer on deck. He invited us to his engine room. Can see 10 miles to horizon.

3/ 13/40 There was no 13th of March on board the ship.

Had toast and coffee as usual. Went to second class lounge and played piano and sang songs. I like to watch Mr. Bower and the Japanese priest speak French. I can understand some of it. The ship rocked today, felt sea-sick, so went to bed and stayed there all afternoon. Had no dinner. Something I ate didn't agree with me because I had a stomach ache. Saw the show at 7:00. Had tea afterwards. We don't have enough sleep because we go to bed about 11:00 and arise at 6:00 or earlier. The little kids are sure noisy. We are in the fog, because when the warm Japanese current and cold waves from Bering Sea strikes a mist is formed.

Woke up with an awful feeling. Stayed in bed all morning and had sandwiches. We all had to fill out Baggage declarations and about three others. Had to have help from men who can write Japanese. Felt lousy all day.

Had our tea with the Doctor today at 3:30. He served us shiruko, mitsumame and tea. He talked to us about Japan, about his 26 year old daughter and how he buys things for her each time he is in America. He gave us the first class post cards (about 20 each). Ate dinner and saw a show about Japan. To bed early because we are lacking sleep.

3/17/40 Wrote post cards and diary in morning. Sort of cleaned up room and straightened out our suit cases. Some persons got shampoos and hair cuts; 35¢ for shampoos. The high officers, captain, chief engineer, doctor, chief and second stewards, first officers, purser, and a few others. It was a thorough inspection of the ship. Immediately after lunch we girls gathered at 2nd Class Smoking Room and put on records to dance. It was hard work on the swaying floor, but fun. Later on played Japanese records wishing to learn the words of them. At three was the round table discussion with Ref. Faye, the Journalist from the East. He thinks we neseis have an interesting future in making the bridge of friendship and understanding between America and Japan. Ate, wrote, and then saw "Road to Reno". Enjoyed ice cold coca cola. Went to Tourist Class Party and played games and danced.

Arose later than usual today 'cause didn't sleep last night. Went to service at cabin class Lounge at 10:30 with Mr. Poote leading the sermon. I enjoyed it very much. Had lunch of sashimi. Met the Doctor in Cabin Class writing room and he invited us to tea again. Went autograph hunting and got quite a lot of signatures. To the Doctor's tea. He read my palm and said that my life began at 40, kuro wo shimasu, one or two children, get married about 23 and like to be loved, and was going to be nice to my future. It snowed today and it stayed on the north side of deck all day. The boat stopped at 6:00 with engine trouble. The storm came tonight. It was very rough. Snow, sleet and wind. The waves washed the deck and all the front part of boat. P.S. Doctor said I was in love now and Mars mentioned Osan. Was I embarrassed.

Saw the daily flag raising exercise for first time and took pictures. Practice singing song with records. Had lunch and practiced some more songs. Wrote letters and diary. Johnny and boys prepared for tonites farewell party in dining saloon. Took some more pictures. Had our farewell tea with doctor of ship. ~~Very~~ En'yanan invited us to tea with pursers but it was cancelled because we get into harbor at 3:00. The assistant doctor sure read my palms: I had much courage and will power and had high hopes for future, I want to accomplish much. First marriage is not good but second is going to be very happy and wonderful. I have a very interesting future but I have to take care of my health after 30 yrs of age. I worry a lot. Get married in 2 or 3 years. I do not take love very seriously bakarashii ka ra. The sea was calm all day. Had a grand farewell party, 35¢ with sandwiches,

coffee and ice cream and candy. Had a lovely gochisou for supper: tai, yookan, sekihan, lima beans and etc.. Danced untill 12:00.

3/19/40 Woke at 5:40 was first of the girls. Wrote 14 letters. Flag raising ceremony at 8:00. Saw fishing boat at 7:00. Sighted land at 7:45. Chiba Ken. It was 15 miles away. All up on deck to see it. Can't take pictures now. Saw all our pictures this morning. Gave one of Mars and I to the Doctor. Inexpressable thrillness came upon me when we sighted Yokohama, the home of our parents. Saw much ships of all kinds. Met my ojisan, the passport examiner. He sure did know how to handle things. My two uncles from Tokyo were also there. Every han baggage had to be marked and ooked before getting off boat. Playing cards, books are very strict. I met uncle in 1st class Smoking room and there came about twenty newspaper reporters that came and interviewed us and took pictures. Sure were busy on boat this day. The girls all stayed at nanmeikan, but I stayed at obasans and slept with her. They all are vary nice.

Awoke at 6:00. Got ready and arrived at Nanmeikan at 7:45. All the girls were getting up and dressing. All ate big breakfast at annmeikan. Down to the boat to have our large baggage ooked. Shiziko had quite a time because she had her expensive Camera and golf set. All our luggages were sent to Nanmeikan and from there express sent it to all our relatives. Mine all stayed at Hiroki ojisans. Our hand luggage was sent to Morita Kan the hotel we will be staying at. All girls were busy sending, mailing cards, letters, and packages. Left Yokohama about 5:30 for Tokyo on Shiyoden. First place to visit was the Imperial Palace and pay our respects to the Emperor. To the hotel and ate supper. Our impressions of this hotel was very favorable to that of Nanmeikan. Mr. Ohishi invited us all to luncheon at Olympic of Yokohama.

We paid homage at the Yasukuni and Meiji Shrines, and Senkaguji (graves of the 47 Ronins) Then at Kabukiza we saw Chushingura and Momotars. We were impressed by that great story of Japanese Feudal loyalty. It was almost unbelievable that women roles were being portrayed so well by men, and although performance lasted 6½ hrs time flew. During one of the intermissions we had a swell dinner upstairs in same building. The Kabukiza cost ¥3.80 and was treat, Shigeko's cousins. The staging and elaborate costume was very impressive. The people who attended the theatre wore their very finest clothes. The girls hairs were fixed so nicely and they were painted so much, that we felt sort of ashamed.

Up at 7:00 AM. Pressed our silk dress for tea. Took taxi and left hotel at 9:30. Past the Imperial Palace and all those up to date buildings. To the American Counselette to have our passports. Very fine building. Thru the courtesy of Dr Uyehara, a member of the Diet, who formerly attended U. of W. we attended the diet Session. This Parliament building is very beautiful. The photographers took our picture. At three we found ourselves amidst about

40 nisei girls and boys from Wash., Calif., Oregon, Hawaii and Canada. Lots of gochisou was served at the home of Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs for a tea in our honor given by Vice M. And Mr. Sumu spokesman for F.A. Gaimusho Scholarship boys there. Tour thru official residence of Premier Yonai. All the rooms were immense and lonely. Many imp. rooms were sighted by all the nisei group. Mr. Takahashi former member of our church, served us osushis, sekihan, sandwiches and fr. fruit cocktail. It was delicious. Played games and sang songs. Very enjoyable.

3/23/40 Up at 7:30. American Breakfast. Left hotel about 9:30. First we visited the Headquarters of the Army where we made our contributions. Took kinen shajashion with spokesman, who thanked us for our visit and said soldiers sincerely appreciated these monbukuras filled in America. To Tokyo Asahi Shinbun where rep. guided us thru their immense plant. 6,000 employed, and 2,500 of them in Tokyo Europe news comes thru America. Pulp comes from Karafuto rather than Canada now. Have to be very economical now. Takes 10 min. to print a roll of paper which weighs 1200 tons and is $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles long. Japan made machine is much lighter takes less space and much handier. 30 years of future paper is furnished. Had luncheon at Takoshi-maya with Rev. Hashimoto. Very lovely Japanese dinner. Back to hotel at 6:00. Uncle was for 1 hr. waiting for me. Met my aunt and cousins for first time. Ate dinner alone and slept at other place.

Up at 8:30 at uncles and reached hotel Moritak-anat 11:00. Had luncheon and left at 12:30 for Kanebo Kojou. At Cotton spinning factory at 1:30. Information of Mills: Started 50 years ago; 150 factories in all Orient. Formerly had 10,000 spindles now 130,000; 1,200,000,000 invested in cotton and silk spinning; 1500 girls and 200 boys employed in Tokyo, 10 per day is girls wages and room; board cost 5.20; saving stressed by company; age 16-20. We were impressed at the immense size of factory, wonderful machinery all Japanese made. It surely is a dusty, unsanitary place to work in, but the guide said that cotton dust does not affect the lungs as much as wool because of larger particles. On bus then train and walking took 2 hrs to reach Ohazakis home. Have very lovely home. Had typical American buffet style dinner of: Chicken a la King, carrots, spinach and bacon, Veg salad, buns, jelly, fruit cocktail, cake, Easter Eggs, senbei, candy and tea. To church and felt like home with such wonderful music and sermon! Met all neisis at the Union Church.

Up at 7:30 to lovely day. Ate at 8:30. On train at 10:05 for Nagoya at Tokyo Station. We noted several groups sending off soldiers. was a deeper realization of the true meaning of this song. passing thru Shezoka we had a beautiful view of Mt Fuji. That Mr. Takasato is our guide now, will meet Mr. Friji in Osaka. Aboard at Tokyo to our surprise the seats were all taken by boy gakuseis. Yokohama at 11:00 and met Rev. Hashimoto from train. Japanese trees are very different, farms look very picturesque on the hillside like steps.

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3/25/40 11:20 Ohuma found rock with face of Buddha on hill. The boys are jolly. The ~~boys~~ deep smooth blue waters to our left was too beautiful for word, the trees, rocks and Mt. Fuji. Utilize very little spruce for farming. Pictures taken in front of hotel. Cute and new hotel; four of us in one room and two other rooms. All so nice to us.

Up at 7:00; busy day ahead; washed up, packed baggage and ate breakfast. Hated to leave this place. To Atauta jungu. Bid our respects to the gods. Took pictures of this lovely castle which is 600 years old. Peach blossoms gave off sweet fragrance. To M. in heart of city. Met in reception room for tea. At 11:30 ate lovely Amer. dinner on 7th floor. Introduced to Mr. M. who guided us through store. Received invitation through marquis. Met two nisei sales girls from Calif. Dept. store always crowded. Gave us pamphlets. They came to station to bid us farewell. Scenery typical country scene, ~~from~~ farm houses, bamboo, rice, swamps. An experience we can never forget when we passed trainfull of wounded soldiers, happy; waved.

Last night reached Oshai Hotel at Futami. All were nice to us. Had bath. Ate gachisau with pretty 23 yr. old maid. She was lots of fun. Up this morn. at 5:30. All girls with nemaki went to see the beautiful sunrise at the Futami wedding rocks, by walking about a mile. To N. of I. Washed our hands in clear S. G. To Dhrine of Amateasu Omikami. The girl guide explained details of building. Build these shrines every 20 years, they all have tawara roofs. On the way to lunch we met hundreds of soldiers who were previously wounded, walking down the street from the station. I was happy to see them, but yet seemed sad. They all looked so young and gay. Saw Y., a small city, Mars and I got pearl rings. Off to Nara... Saw hundreds of deer. Took pictures with these tame and cunning deer. They ate the deer food we fed them.

Our hotel Yashida faced lovely Soruigawa, a very famous pond. Up at 8-8:30. Our first Jinrikisha ride began about 9:45 to Nara park. Famous for the 4500 deers roaming thru this park with very old trees. All these deers live to be 80 yrs of age without illness. Best to take pictures front of Koufukuji. In Oct. all the deers horns are sawed off. If not cut they shed in Mar. No good then. The good horns are made into combs, chop sticks, etc... Kasuga Jingu built every 21 yrs where kasugotaro. Had lunch at foot of barelooking mountain. Knives and Flower-arrangement utensils bought by some. Took pictures in front of Daihustsan with Jin. Roamed the park with Rev. Katana, then to Kyoto. found Shigika's friend, Mr. Sakato to greet us at the station. My pictures sent out to be developed. Photographers took pictures for paper. Mr. S. bought us cake, turned out to be my birthday cake. Went to see 2 nice Japanese shows. Bath to bed.

Mr. S. bought us Kyoto newspaper for each of us. We visited shrines all morning long. When we climb up to Kijomizu Shrine we looked down upon a beautiful scene of the town of Kyoto. It was worth the climb, -to lovely Maruyama park.

Wished I could have seen the beautiful cherry blossoms in bloom, but unfortunately a couple of weeks too early. Saw the one famous Yo-sakura (a shidare zakura); it was old and big. In night time lanterns are lit and the twinkle of the light has beautiful effect on blossoms. Ate oyako domburi and orushi for lunch. Some girls bought hand made dolls in the park. After long street car ride we visited kinkakuji, -where Tokugawa Iyasu live. The eaves of the building were gold. We passed Doushi Daigaku. Back to hotel and had dinner.

3/30/40 At hotel met Mr. Y. friend of Mr. F., our guide. On street cars to the Arashiyama. Walked along the riverside looking down on quiet, peaceful, and beautiful scenery. Rode back on a syuyusai boat, (festival of ancient pleasure boating). Up the Oi River for lunch. Ist boat S.S. and M; 2nd Mr. F. 3rd, Y. T. and J., 4th R. and Y., fifth G. and A, 6th, Mars and I. Gakusei boys bumped our boats. 30¢ an hr. for 2 persons. S's boat went upon rock. Had a very enjoyable and peaceful time. Met Mr. and Mrs. T. of Van., and 2 girls, grads of Dashiha, - Misses T., and H. Had tea, cakes, and sembei and a grand time. Answered questionnaire. To T. Studio, didn't see much except stages. To N. Studio and took pictures with movie stars. Saw them acting one scene. Very interesting. To China M. at typical Chinese restaurant. All enjoyed our first regular China Meshi in Japan. There were about 15 various dishes during course, and very last rice was served, - round table where each helped ourselves, --delicious! Back to hotel, learned "darumasan"

Wore dresses, galoshees and took umbrellas, thinking it to rain. Had plenty of time but missed train to Omi by standing on wrong platform. Took 9:27 train. Passed Lake B., and Mt H., also U. Tera, Mr. W. and Mr. G.T., to see us at station. All in taxi to the Omi Brotherhood Church. Girls and boys sat separately but there were about equal number of them. We sat on balcony with chairs, and Mr. U., the one we've heard so much of, playing organ, --such beautiful music. They all seemed like very serious christians. Sang hymns with Mr. V. at organ, then to Guest house where Rev. N. gave us welcome speech, our hearts were moved and tears came to our eyes as he told Mr. V's biography. Lunch on and discussion of whether to stay or go back to Kyoto because did come prepared to stay over. Sensui made a slight mistake on schedule. Glad we stayed. Visited T.B. sanitarium and the Kindergarden. There hospital very clean and modern fine location; school had latest equipment. Remarkable. Delicious dinner!

4/1/40 Memoranda: Up at 6:30. Breakfast. Attended the special service at M. Factory hall which is held 1st of each month in honor of soldiers at front; it was regular Christian service conducted by Rev N. of Omi Bro. Church. Heard Mr. V., an architect and missionary, a man of 59 who has face beaming with happiness like an angel. Gave us a short speech saying that the first financial aid from Japan, working with Christian principles with business, Christianity is primary and business income comes second; tried from the beginning to

to get as much young people to work together and have responsibility rest upon them; they restrict all national prejudices. they always have at least Chinese, Japanese, Manchurians and Koreans in this factory and school. They have a very prosperous future. Toured thru the factory even to places where no-one may go, as the making of it filling and covering it. Climb 808 steps to the C. Temple on the top of this mt. The scenery is beautiful below with Lake B. and surrounding Mts. It is called the long life temple, so if one wants to live long they come to pray here. Ruthie was very sick and was taken to hospital. That car broke down and S. Mr. T. and Emi and K. had to push it while we, Mr. T. and 10 girls climbed the steps. At the shores of B. we spotted a lovely place to colour. Took pictures, sang and had loads of fun. Went back on taxi to station to leave for Kyoto. While there at Omi we were treated so kindly we hated to leave this peaceful, Christian-like place where all work for one great cause under Christian principals. Mr Y was co-worker with Mr. V. and started this business at present there are 600 members. Beginning they had no capital, but now they are even setting branch offices all over Orient. It is very amazing to see such a work as this being done in Japan. In Kyoto Mr. and Mrs. T. of Vancouver gave all us girls dolls as xouvenir; they and S. Y. came to station with us. Such lovely people they were. Left at 3:36 in O F. Hotel at 4:20 P.M.

Left Fukuya at 9:00. Toured the largest mint in the world which is the only one in Japan where coin is made. 1,000,000,000 worth of coin made annually in this plant. Information of plant first melt aluminum for pennies, stripping to circular rods and and the thinning process, weighed, punched, weighed examined and then double examined carefully next the edges are pressed but the stamping of it was not shown. 10¢ al. piece is something new. All the machines are made in Germany. Plant occupies 50,000 tsubo. The workers have no pockets because examination twice daily, morn and nite, even ex-rays are made. There are 3,500 men and 800 women employed. Al. melts at 800 degrees F. Saw M. Memorial Hall; very interesting. Over 1,000 bridges in Osaka. To Osaka Castle is 400 years old destroyed twice by fire. Rebuilt 9 yrs. ago is 8 stories with elevator; huge castle. Surrounding these are army headquarters and other army divisions. Lunch. Seated at same building, met Elsie and she took us home. We bet Mr. H. sure worried.

4/3/40 Greeted by Mr. F. at breakfast time. So glad to see him back with us. Off on train to the Mead Christian center, where we visited the kindergarden, school, boarding house and to the home of Dr. and Frs. Foote. The Yodogawa Baptist Church is the same Christian Center Building. The luncheon was served at their American style home. Composed of hamburgers, hot bisquits, jam, relish, scalloped potatoes, carrots salad, candy and real butter and delicious home made apple pie. What a treat. He was married in Yokohama and all their 5 children born in Japan. Very interesting live. Visited the planetarium where we actually saw the sky in this huge interesting hall. I thought it was remarkable and enjoyed. To the A B. Building at 5:30 to a dinner invited by E. M's cousin, Mr. O.. The dinner was just delicious and I gave a thank-you speech. Her puppet show was interesting to watch, because after unusual performances, 2 men in masks of black and one dressed man has charge of one doll.

4/4/40 Stayed in late and off to Sumitomo Bank at 10:15. Wonderful and modern building. The big shot Mr. F. took us to the Club house where we were invited to luncheon. F. gave us a very worth while speech. Amy S. gave our thank you speech. Took about one hr. to get to T. guided by Mr. H. This T. place is $\frac{1}{2}$ way between K. and O. A very nice place. One half hr. late for performance. Invited by S. Amazing scenery on stage. Very colorful, beautiful and impressive. Enjoyed it tremendously. Met K., H., and some girl friends all in one day. Large crowd at T. The girls were all just gorgeous and lovely. Ended at five, back to hotel. F. for dinner. Had 3 machigaski each from E., Y's friend. Later went for a walk up and down. Very nigiyaka with a real crowd walking, see many different classes of people. More eating places. All their food is good to look at but not such wholesome food. A All stores close at 10:00 P.M. Mr. Y. brought us our pictures taken with movie stars.

Out of hotel by 9:45 to cup of coffee to warm us up. Visited Osaka Mainichi thru Miss H. Met Editor in chief, Mr. Sata, who was educated in many colleges in Us and Europe. He spoke very fine English. He asked our impressions and intentions. He said: relations with America in hazardous condition; their resistance strong. Our loyalty to be tested when U.S. and Japan have war. There is a bsence of peace between U.S. and Japan. He doesn't think much of men of Japan. Everything of poor quality in Japan, flour, milk, clothes, shoes, etc... Felt at home in Japan whereas in America do not. J. are proud people and do not want to show misery. Fruits, meats... etc.... very dear. U. grad of experience of 5yrs. get 125.00 monthly. He wants us to buy him electric charger. 5,000 weekly newspapers for blind. Also print mgs. and text books. 6 dots for 63 symbols. All nations can read this. Telephoto interesting. Types are made by machines and filed. 30,000 types in all. Large printing machine. 3,000 employed. Coffee with Mr. S. and took picture. At Kobi at 1:45 to dept. story for luncheon. To Shrine to meet Rev and Mrs. S of K. Baptist Church. Met former preacher of Seattle who helped build our church. We like it very much here. Off to Gimza of Kolee and had Shig's birthday cake Bought her gift.

Up at 7:15 at hotel Kobe Kan, a place where we would all love to stay longer. Left hotel for Oriental Hotel an exquisite, lovely hotel, typically English with Foreigners as many as Japanese. Here where we felt so much at home, we celebrated S's birthday with delicious American baked apple, puffed rice, coffe or tea and french toast. What a treat. Our plans were changed to go to the Kobe Girl's School to going to lunch at Daimam Dept. Store where lunch was eaten. Much cleaner and nicer. To a show to see a Japanese play,-- which we cried and laughed in. Back to the hotel and met A., F., Y., and S.'s friend. They went to have their lunch at the only internationally known restaurant called the Kikusui. To the boat and caught the Sumire Masu at 6:20 for Beppu. It was an experience to sleep on the floor in such a small space.

We were all cramped up and slept. What a night. Stopped at T. and loaded about 70 more passengers about 10:30 p.m. The boat wove between small islands.

4/7/40 **Y**Up early on boat Sumire and got first glimpse of inland sea with its islands. It didn't seem restfull; all cramped up. Landed in Beppu at 10:40. At dock was photo-graphers, newspaper man. Up main street of B. to K., next to Alexander' Ragtime Band. Took hot spring bath in a large tub. Mr. N's mother, aunt and uncle came to see Amy S. and I at the hotel. We told this elderly lady of 83 that her sons were well and to not worry. Mrs. K invites herself in and jabbered scandle and made old lady worry. It was terrific. They gave both of us little presents. Lunched. Rested and changed clothes and on street car to visit hospital. After showing our calling card we were guided through their clean hospital. Hot Spring baths are very good for their wounds. Sang for a roomful of wounded young soldiers. Will never forget this day. We sang with tears in our eyes and our hearts bursting. Some of them took our pictures. Some could not sit up yet. Outside door we met sailor who had a mother in States and wanted to know if we knew her but sadly we did not. In another roomful I could hardly sing now. We had to walk around the room because they wanted to see our faces. On hospital bus then street car to home. Trying to enlarge the hospital to accomidate 1000 patients. Ruth recieved from cousin box of candies and basket of fruits. Had delicious supper. And after writing diary, all took baths and fell asleep.

Up after a good nights sleep. Left on Bus to Jigoku. Buses very crowded and needed to wait. Off bus at pond of boiling red water of temperature of 210 degrees F. On bus we sighted sea which reminded us of Alki Beach. Very mountainous and rugged. From Chi-no ike was going to take bus but walked to top of mt. the trail upward was beautiful with farms, bamboos, evergreen trees, cherry blossoms and blue sky. To Wani Onsen and saw alligators from Florida. Very tired and hungry. Had lunch at inn in park. Took bus to R. Sang to them were so happy to see us. Took 3 pictures with them all so anxious to take them. Walking down to have picture taken I talked with certain soldiers. The same one sat beside me taking picture to other hospital on stage to sing and Mr. FJ's swell speech. All tired back to hotel. Met Ruth's cousin. He told us real story of life of soldier. Very sad story. Saw the cherry blossoms under the twilight of the night. Really beautiful with reflexions of light in the ponds.

Packed. Newspaper with our pictures. Breakfast. Maid told us of her wounded brother soldier, - he's been in hospital over a year, --we visited that hospita. They weep when they talk of their dead friends. Is such a sad story I couldn't help it but cry myself. Gave her pictures of us to bring to him. Bid farewell to R. and left at 8:15. Caught train. Very fortunately with cute story behind it, I was glad to see that certain soldier at station on top of that he and 3 others got on same train and they came into same car with us. Exchanged autographs and san. Talked and had uddles of fun. 2hrs. just flew away for us. Took their pictures from platform. On private train to Yabuki. All of them were so cordial to us. We like to visit small towns because they sure treat us lovely.

Met Mr. Y. of S., and another S. man guided us around. Passed by beautiful cherry, peach, apricot, and pear blossoms. Really the cherry blossoms against the deep green river is something I'll asways remember. All this region many many years ago was under sea level; the rocks we find here are those erupted under water. The wheat growing on terraced fields were interesting. About 8 ravines in park,--many hiking courses,--size is about 8 sq. miles. Were first foreigners to stay over nite in this nat'l park. Passed a tunnel where priest took 30 yrs. to dig and build. At foot of cliff with majestic evergreen is sakura blossoms. Off train at 12:00 and on special bus for us to enjoy lovely scenery. To little inn for lunch; had specialty. Took pictures. Back at 3. Gee these bus drivers are skillful. To nice hotel, good scenery. Hike upward to temple to see hell and heaven. Had nice dried Kaki,--good dinner. Slept.

Delicious breakfast; the maids are cute and kiddish. One of them always laughed at me. Rakanji Hotel best in Yabaki. Hurriedly caught 10:20 train. Stayed on for one hr. Mrs. K. started jabbering to strangers of some storey. On bus for over hr. over Kyushu plateau. Sang gaily on bus. 12:10 reached Hida, a town I didn't like so well. Ate lunch of noodles etc.. and boarded another train at 1:00. Asked a gakusei on train about the flags flying over homes which signified that a person from that home is at war. What a sad story. The flags I noticed were tied to bamboo trees, some of them looked shabby, gray, and torn, but others were distinctly new. Some soldiers on train. One got off at a country station, he was greeted home by friends and relatives with flags flying at end of post. Lost my hat on train. Saw long extended cherry blossoms. Wrote till pen went dry. Reached Nagasaki at 7:10 to Kaida Hotel in taxi. First choice of bedrooms since we were only customers,--beds, "no shoe taking off". Swell American set dining room with delicious food which greeted our hungry mouths,--soup, etc... Bath, slept.

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Felt as if in Am. home getting out of bed. Breakfast. With R.'s uncle Mr. S., we visited Catholic (oldest in Japan) church. A really beautiful and artistic church. I had to borrow S.'s kerchief cause I lost my hat yesterday on train. What a dummy! To the Protestant Jiyakakugo which was founded by Am. Missionary. It was very nice and large school. Up hundreds of steps to the place where the 26 martyrs (the Catholics who were crucified about 400 yrs. ago) To a beautiful park on top of hill. All tired out we started for R.'s uncle for lunch. It was N. R., with 26 dishes. Some were tai with soup etc... I never ate so much in my life. R.'s cousin looks like Paul. Stayed around until 4:30. After thanking R.'s aunt, we visited main street of Nagasaki, and dept. stores. To hotel at 6:00. Washed hair. Ate another delicious meal. I can hardly move. Wrote diarys. Mars and I had swell laugh. Nagasaki is oldest city and port in Japan. Thi hotel is only Am. hotel in N.: pop. 250,000.

4/12/40 N. a mans town had its faults, but was interesting. old city and what swell food we had. With kindness of R.'s relatives we enjoyed Nagasaki Kasutera to our hearts content. They're expensive too. How delicious it was. Nag. marudashi sounds queer and difficult to understand. Mary only had 3 hrs. sleep. I only 6 since we had to bet up at 5:30. Hurridly packed by 6,--ate at 6:00 and out at 6:30. Took 7:00 train to Fukuoka. T
The Nag. bay scenery

The Nag. bay scenery is beautiful and picturesque. Some more kasutera from Ruth's relative on train. Reached at 12:00. My hat was not turned in. Had lunch at dept. store for lunch of chinese noodles and mizumame. On street carts to boys school of high and U. These boys were so excited to see us. A historic wall extending 25 mi. along coast which we built for protection of Mongolians in 1275 is found in this school yard. Boys have fine basketball team. Fr. in high are dinky boys. 2nd day of school. Dean D. guided us around to an English class session. Toured thru Kagio, Shikenjo a govt. experimental factory. Make men's ties, shoes. Saw we weaving. Ties cost from 2.00 to 10.00. Some bought ties. To hotel M., best in F. Took bath had a swell dinner. To bed early, --wrote letters.

Most satisfactory hotel, felt good to have eight hrs. sleep. Packed again and regular routine of dressing up. Had breakfast in this most spacious room overlooking river and other side Hakata. Our side was F. Off to dept store to buy H. dolls made of some clay and painted beautifully. I got a 1.40 one. Bought some pastry in basement. Boarded 10:45 train and made it because train was late, to Shimonosiki. From train can see a yellow carpet of natane no kana stretched for miles. Had lunch and donut from Grayce and Mary. Passed by the very smoky Pittsburg of Japan, the immense Yawata steel factory which stretches for miles. Off at Maji Ferry to S. for about 15 min. thru inland sea. To our dislike the hotel Y. is across street from post office. City has pop. of 20,000. Had our regular tea and Kachi. With guidance of Mr. N.U.'s relative. In taxi to visit Girls Presbyterian School, high school standards. Their chapel is quite new, was dedicated in 1925. Upon mt. looked down on inland sea and islands. Met Miss Willson from Sacoma only in Japan 1 yr. Staying 4 more yrs.. Had refreshment of cake, choco, mints and tea with 3 Am. missionaries and 2 Japanese teachers in a typical American home. All school girls are very friendly. Saw Japan sea also. Went thru beautiful park on top of hill straight from Station of S. Very picturesque place. To A. shrine a beautiful and old shrine with large stone torii. Antoku Tenno died at age of 3. Saw the Waterloo between Heike and Taira. Can't take pictures in Shim. It's too bad.

4/14/40 Hurridly dressed and ate. Our luggage cost more than our tickets. Each time porter handles our luggages it costs 10 sen each. On 9:33 train to Iwakuni. Sad to see a crowd shouting Hauzai and sending off young soldiers to war. The scenery with cherries at its best is beauty. The bridge K. was really beautiful with the willow trees, pined and cherries. But it was too crowded making trains difficult to catch. With our heavy luggage we boarded 2nd 5:00 p.m. train for Nujajima. The comfortable $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. ride went fast. Hurridly took a very small ferry across to N. The scenery very interesting with largest wooden taxi in water. The sakuras in full bloom. Nice large hotel greeted us. But too many burish wherever we travel. Refreshing bath, ate, wrote and slept at 10:30. The Shim Meibutau senbei good, see plenty of b. we went to the eating place. A typical J. style place. The guisha girls served us danced for us and had lots of fun together. They were all cute and only 15-16 yrs. of age. (entertained envoys here when treaty was signed, --geighas

here higher class) Act like 25 yr. old girls. Tomie, a g
guisha girl, fell for me. She was sure a kick! Even had a
sip of sake and a regular dinner. Tea and slept about 12:
30.

Hotel of Mujazima Kamefuku was too large and crowded with
men. Got bit by bed bugs it seems. Out to the Itsukushima
Myazima Nat'l park. Got our books stamped and started to
walk by many many stones. Walked thru very interesting and
beautiful scenery. Oh the largest wooden torii in the water.
Took pictures of it with the girls. The shrines are new
and wondervul. There are 24 heavens to top of mts. It is
a stairway to the sky. Hard work even to the 6th heaven where
we had tea and 3 shikaramoche we sure needed it. The scenery
from there is inexplicable. The sea, torii, etc... Just as
hard work going down. Took more pictures; the sakura is at its b
best and the beigh looked like snow falling from heaven.
Brought some manju and monaka. Left on 2:20 boat to Miyazima
and caught 3:01 train to Heroshina. The luggage, and crown is
terrific. On 1/2 hr. arrived " at three thirty taxi to hotel
a grand and very luminous room! Had Hir M. M., in to tea.
To hot bath. Ate and off to a show to see a J. show. Had
snack and back at 10:30 Slept at 11:30

Up at 7:00 but sleepy,--Hotel Amaki was nice and light with
four different rooms. Maida friendly and kind. Left at 9
to former residence of feudal lor. Consisted of 3 large 2
story buildings with garden of immense pond with beautiful
surrounding scenery all of garden being at least 500 years
old. The cherry blossoms, maples, old pines, azaleas, very
interesting. Saw soldiers drilling. Rested at a park where
we enjoyed tea and Youkan and massaged our ached shoulders.
and sensei read palms. Very hot day. Took 12:30 train to
Himeji. Very crowded and dirty train, but had to make the
best of it. Ate on train. The matsu-zakura around F., and
O. was beautiful, also wild azealeas. Arrived at H. at
5:30. Was very busy getting our odds and ends finished up,
like getting address, writing diaries; 3 chums,--got in a
swell room upstairs, radio, clock, and everything nice. Ate
dinner with S.'s aunt and principal of H. Bath,--wrote tele-
gram, got ticket to Okayama. To bed at 12:30. R. still up
making her speech.

Got everything packed. In the morning chapel at H. and met
Miss N., and Mr. and Mrs. Topping, Mr. O.,--and all the stu-
dents. At chapel the Rev. gave speech and then welcomed us; we
went up on stage, were introduced. S. gave nice speech with
R.'s well prepared speech. We all sang to the group. The
girls then sang their school song to us. Mr. F. also gave
speech. The newspaper photographers took our pictures with
the girls of school, while talking and laughing. Also group
pictures. To the R.B. with the Rev. We sang and Mr F.'s
speech was thru the microphone. Later was shown around, took
pictures again. This is hospital where we donated raisins. To
Mr. T. for a dinner of Meat loaf, etc... Very enjoyable. To
hotel for luggage, after saying sayonara to girls and friends

caught the 1:45 train to O. with Y. and grandparents and I. Met Mrs. N., K., and A., and I. So glad to see them all. To N., talked, rested, then ate and with the 3 girls saw the cherry blossoms and ate mashi-gashi. Slept at N.'s.

4/18/40 The rats bothered me last night. It is terrible in Japan. K. got up early but rest of us up at 7:30. Washed up and ate big breakfast. Gave few things to K. and A. Had Mrs. N. send telegram saying to uncle, but I might change my mind. Was quite busy at beauty shop so it was 11:00 when I got my shampoo and finger wave. It sure felt good and it only cost \$1.00. Mrs. N. washed my things for me, it sure was nice of her; even ironing too. Ate lunch here, and soon after that Irene and I went to her place. I. waited patiently till I dried my hair. Went to T. Tourist Bureau and got my ticket to Y. Cost 7.20 plus 2.20. Then to I.'s place on streetcar and bus. Her place is left from Eki, but N.'s is right. Irene's is more imaka. She's got a pretty nice mise, it just opened so she only had few bundles of material. They live in back and upstairs of mise. When I met Mrs. F. tears came to my eyes. She was so glad to see me. Treated us to pop, tea and candy. I. and I cried when her mother mentioned how I. never says what she wants to. Akie comes how. She surely has changed and grown. She's a typical Japanese student of Japan now in 5th grade. Rose has changed some also. They both study hard and are getting along fine now. The still want to go back though, but I don't think they will for a while. But it costs plenty to open up mise like that now because it is so expensive to build. One bundle of wood costs 35¢. Can't even get charcoal. Even hard to get rice. Thread is expensive. Anaps cost 3¢ each. Mrs. F. cooked hamburgers and rice. Tommy N. brought over my suit cases from his place to Irene's because I stayed a couple of days. Played jacks and looked at pictures and I'm so tired I wanted to go to bed, and bed it was. It sure felt swell. Gave anklets stockings, hankies and candy away. I let I. read my diary.

Slept good and got up about seven. Ate and sort of cleaned up. I. Mrs. F., and I left for a theatre to see a show. Saw three good shows. Shows are always crowded in Japan. But we got in before show started so it was O.K. Mts. bought osushi. We, (Irene and I) went to K.'s to tell them what time I was going tomorrow. Said good-bye to Mr. N., who does nothing but sit by hibache and smoke. Got some senbei and monaka to bring back home. Met I.'s friend who helps her with her sewing. Miss F. Ate early dinner and went to bed early. Received packages from father of shoes, canvas, snaps and thread. A., says she is anxious to see her dad.

All up at 4:15. I got ready to leave for Yokohama on 6:09 train. At station at 5:30 and got my bentan. And the train came about 6:05 no seats though. Train from N. so was full. Bid all good-bye from window. Sat on my trunk to H. (1st Mrs.) got a seat in a very descent group. People going to Y.J. to pray for their son who died in was. Sent telegram from K. A man helped me write it. Mrs. F. had written it wrong. So I rewrote it. Cost about 30 sens to send. Stopped at H., K., S.). 9:30 K.O. 10:40 etc.. Yokohama 9:30. Ojisan here to meet me. Telegraphed Mr. F. Always like to come to Yokohama.

4/21/40 Hiroki ojisan took the 3 cousins and I to see the Brazil Maru and the Atsuta Maru. The B.M. very large and most lovely. Only toured the first class compartment. One of the first class boys took us around to see the 1st class rooms. The Nikko Suite is the Imperial room. Boy is it snazzy, twin bed, swell chairs. The Miyajima Suite is also one of the best. The play room, exercise room, smoking, lounging rooms and swimming pool. Met the purser of the ship who is personal friend of Hiroki ojisan. He's tall and sure handsome. Then he asked me questions of Seattle, because he used to go there, then gave us invitation to 1st class reception room where all had tea, and fruit. Ojisan sure knows a lot of people on ship. To and back on taxi. Nakano-no-ojisan came. H Had lunch. Wrote letter. Opened things up to take to inaka. Got ready to leave for Tokyo. It sure is, the baggage, is on express. Had unaji meshi. Obasan sure is nice, and so is ojisan very yasashii.

Slept till late. Had late breakfast. Wrote letters and diary, talked with obasan and showed pictures. Obasan's obasan came over. They went shopping. Had cake and coffee for lunch. After K. came home from school, 3 of us went into town to an dept. store, but unfortunately store was closed because it was Monday. So found a little dept. store and got some soap and mochigachijachi for inaka no gift. Gave 2 cousins hankies, other a game. I'm always giving. Tokyo sure is crowded. Especially at stations and trains. Back to house. I don't like this house, because it is too small, smells and too many children. But I like them all though. It's just the house I don't like. Took a bath and slept early. Ojisan came home about 11:30 saying he had to stay for sonbetsu kai. Woke me up and settled what to do tomorrow. Oji-san drank a little too much. Sure sleepy!

Hurridly got ready to leave for inaka. On 7:30 train from Veno Station with Nakano-no-ojisan. Met a man from Manchuria recently who is visiting his inaka I baraki-ken. All the passengers on train sound like I baraki-ken-jin by the way they talk. It was pretty cold on train. Reached Mito at 10:30. Met ojisan,--dad's oldest brother, With Nimosu we rode on taxi all the way from station to ojisan's home. Tea- gohan. Met all my relatives that live in this big house. Talked about my school. Going to stay here 6 days then to mother's side. I like it so much here because it's big house and nice big yard and acres of field stretched beyond. Everybody so glad to see me. Inaka no food tastes so good. They talk so funny. They were glad to see me eat Japanese food and speak their language.

Ojisan was so glad to stay with me and to see the pillow and futon I brought. They had been waiting and waiting for me. I made a mistake of not writing a letter when I landed. They sort of worried about me. They thought the futon was marvelous; shake it and it fluffs up. Ojisan shows it to everyone. Went to Shintaku and met obsan and ojisan and a cousin who is 17. Ojisan has 9 children so 9 cousins. Had tea there. He was principal of school but is retired now.

Ate dinner and got ready and left for Kanno-san. Boy did those inaka students and adults stare at me. Walked over with 2 ovasans and my cousin at Shintaku. My height, permanent and silk stockings were centers of attractions. So sheer they thought I didn't have any stockings on.

Had botamochi from morning. Got ready to leave for Mito. Cousin at Lontaku is so funny the way he talks. I sure have to laugh at him. Mito ojisan at bus stop to greet Otourusan and I. Met Meihan, ayako-san and others. Had lunch with cousins. To the famous Mito Kouen or Lekiwa Park famous for the ume blossoms; nice place. Visited some shrines. Toured city. They to Ayako-san place for dinner. Stayed there till about nine. Home; up until 12,--looking at pictures and talking. I sure like it here because my cousins are around my age.

Got up about 7:00. Had tea and then breakfast. Got ready to go to Owara and tour Mito the city. Ojisan fixed our tickets on bus. He sure looks a lot like dad. So they all say I look like Michan. Ojisan was in Tawaan when he was young so he didn't meet dad when he came back 21 years ago. They promised each other they both were coming home together, so he really wants to see dad, while all 4 brothers are healthy. Saw the famous Owara Beach. Masses of rock and high waves hitting against it. The Owara Jinnu with large stone torii in front. Both Oturu-san and Michan have such lovely kimono on that I felt out of place with a sweater and skirt and black coat. The Japanese girl spends plenty of money on their clothes. Had tea at Owara and bought souvenirs, and took pictures. Ate lunch at Mito. A. with us too. Got off at Eki. Said good-bye to A. because he wasn't coming home before I left. Talked about all kinds of things. The more you know them the more I like all my cousins. Obasan made lots of gochison. Lots better than Tokyo.

4/27/40 Up with Otsuru-san. Michan, Tetsuko-san clean the whole house and yard completely by time I got up. The Japanese get up early and clean house and go to school or work in plenty of time and do work besides at home. Took pictures with cousins. And said good-bye to the ones that go to school. And later at 7:30 to Isamu who goes to Chcitou Gakko and is 16. Letsuko who works at drug store is clerk is 19 and Michiko is 21 who is stenographer at Mito Ridugun Biyaun. I like them all so much. It's been fun meeting them. Back to Tomuro on 8:50 bus from Mito. Takes over 40 min. to get to Yakuba, where Lontaku no ojisan is; then walk a little ways. Had shiruko etc... for lunch. Shintaku invited me to dinner. Loshiko san, girl 16 is my cousin. Ojisan was principal but is enkiyo tori now. My last night at Tomura.

It rained all night. Got up at 8:00 all children no school today. Ate breakfast then got ready for Ishitanka. Otaturu-san is going with me. Walked to Yakuba took taxi to Ishizuka. because we missed bus. Buses run only about 4 a day. Visited I

Inaka grammar school. About 500-600 pupils all from Tomura. To Shintaku Imase and met my relations. Had the usual tea, and candy,--then came the dinner. Otsuru san and ojisan went home to Tomura. Came to Hontaku and met ojisan and obasan. Showed pictures, took bath and ate here with Harui-san who is 16. Slept over night at Hontakun. They have a well and bath outside. No electricity: have kerosene lamps. Hatsue san up at 5:30 to catch train for school. Had Shiruko this morning. It was good! Wrote letters and diary at Shentaku. Ate lunch. About 2:00 both Masaji-san and Hatsue-san came home from school. They're both swell friends and they are nice cousins. Went to the Jinja in the quiet woods among the very tall and slender pine trees. Located at a very nice place. Went to Grandfathers and Grandmothers grave with flowers for them both. Later walked thru the woods with both cousins and picked yama-buki; practiced English and had lots of fun. Some people of Ishitsuka know mother when she was young. Ate Kusamochi for dinner. Hatsui-san and Masaji-san both studied with kerosene lamps. Really, they don't seem to mind anything. Slept at 9:30.

Hatsue-san wants me to go to Mito where she is boarding. I went on the 12:15 tram to Mito. At station she was there to show me around Mito. Met my cousin Michan and Isamu-san at Sanya Matsuri where mobs of people were out to Jinja. Tetsuko wants to go back to Ishitsuka with me because it's day off next day. She surely must want to be with me. She's working at Hirano bookstore as secretary. Mrs. M. is sure a kind lady; made kachison while we were out touring the city. They wanted me to stay over night, and their son wanted to take us out to sho or zinza, but folks at Ishituka were waiting, but I really wanted to stay over. I can't do two things at once so I had quite a time. Tetsueko-san and I caught 7:15 tram to Ichitsuka after bidding good-bye to Hatsue-san and her friend. Masaji-san came to the station to meet me.

Memoranda: Address in Japanese. The 3 weeks with my relatives passed away before I realized it. At Okayama for 3 days was something I'll always remember. 13 hrs. of train ride from Okayama to Yokohama I was interested in the scenery and people on train. Got all my luggages for inata straightened out. Stayed over one night at Yokohama after seeing B Brazil Maru with ojisan! Staying over two nights at Nakano, I started out for Mito. At Tomura I thoroughly rested myself and was entertained by their sincere hospitality. I especially like Tueruko-san, my cousin. Ojisan was so glad to see me. In fact they all waited for the day to see me. Stayed at Mito couple nights at ojisans and during those days visited Mito park, Owara and various zinjas and toured the city of Mito. Nice cousins in Mito. Again on Mothers side all the relatives waited for me and they all treated me swell.

5/1/40 With dear Tetsuko san. We talked about all sorts of things and slept together. She always gets up early,

while I'm still half asleep. But I'm getting used to getting up early too. We fooled around the inaka road and wrote letters and talked later. I'm getting fatter and fatter every day just doing nothing and eating inaka food. Went to the post office to mail letter. On way met mothers former school mate. She gave us a bag of senbeis. The films that Masaji san got fit perfectly in my camera. Cost 1.60 yen. Played games, rode on bike for some exercise. Hontaku invited us for dinner. The usual bath, ate, and again tonight slept together.

Up at 6:30 at Hontaku with Tetauko san. Had rice curry etc.. Hontaku no obasan knows mothervery well. I think she's a swell obasan. Have to go to Tobaku and Oyama to see Heroke family. Walked to Oyama thru inaka road. Gave obasan box candy, towell and 5 yen. Had tea and shina -soba. Walked to Tokaku and met all relatives here. There's 6 cousins here. They were all so glad to see me. They all waited and waited for me. Busy with tobacco transplanting. All I did was answer their silly questions. They seem to know so little about America. After he drank and rested ojisan went home. To my cousin Hontaku. Everywhere I go I'm such a rare specimen. The farmers of Japan sure work hard. After dinner relatives came over and talked and asked some more questions.

Up at Takaku no obasan's. Usual inaka routine of washing up. After saying "ohayo gogaimasu" ate breakfast. Showed pictures and got address and talked some more. is always on obasans lips. Took the family picture and later saying good-bye came back to Ishitsuka with obasan. The Hontaku cousin gave me 2 yen and the Kato relatives 10 yen. The tsutsuji's are blooming in woods now. Farmers busy now with . Wrote letters and took it easy. When Masaji came back from school at 4 took pictures. After dinner we studied together till about 9:30. He studies every nite till quite late and gets up about 5,5:30. Nomis sure bothered me last night. At 12:05 I felt a slight earthquake. Gee I sort of felt homesick then.

I'm getting used to getting up early now. Got ready to leave Ichitauka. Left on 2:40 gasoline to Mito. Hontaku gave me 10.00 yen and Shitaku 5.00yen. They were all so very nice I hated to leave. Hatsue-san and Isamu-san at station went to uncles house. They were all so glad to see me. H Hatsue-san went to her boarding place and came back to stay with me at Mito. Went to Mito Hospital about 5 to meet Michan where she works. With a big umbrella with Isamu-san. The hospital is quite clean and the cherry tree lane at the entrance. Tetsuko san came home later. Ate and talked about various things. After bath slept with my 3 cousins for last time till summer vacation. This was some fine experience. I'm so thankful to mother and dad for giving me this once in a life chance.

Got up at 6. I'm used to getting up early now. After folding up futone and washing up. Hatsue-san was late so I ate alone

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Date

Jan - Apr

Subject _____

Grade

1940

1940. Attends Jap school
in USA. Decides to visit Japan
→ Short entries, casual, superficial
girls in Japan asking her to
bring things. Looks forward to trip.
Appreciates nature.
Missionary Circle.

Enjoys cooking candy.
Sh. in Sports, basketball, football.
Liked love with mind.
Preparing for trip.

Feb. 2. "Downtown I got our
passports ... Had little trouble
with mine, on account of
my birth certif. but hope it
comes out ~~turn~~ all right.

3. got my passport affidavits
straightened out, with Dad."

Class in Jap etiquette.

17 Had lots of fun -- giggling at
the boy in next car.

23. ^{Rejoicing.} Got her passport. Had
arrived.

Saw another group off to
Japan.

Bonvoyage surprise party
by Green Lake girls.

A Japanese ceremonial meal ^{at friends}
25 Jap. lunch banquet.

Darewell parties & visits.

27 Consul's tea. Speech.

< 2 pp. written ^{months} ~~ago~~ ~~more~~

later (done smaller writing) in Japan,
sentimentalizing memories of
Tommy the Japanese lover >

"Even S.-san worries about
whether I should go back to State
or stay."

Mar. 1. Chamber of Com. Tea. Speech.
Jap. dancer.

3 Goodbye at lunch

42

Mar 4. Packing, etc.

Restless excited sleep.

Mar 5. The day of sailing!
What a happy & glorious day!
Details of voyage, routine.
No signs of moodiness.

Seasick. Recovered
Christian American friends
on board.

"A minister thinks we
wise's have an interesting future
in making the bridge of friendship
& understanding between
Am. & Japan."

No morbid religion
No boy consciousness.

Has fortune told (palm) by Dr.
Manny 23, one or two chn.,
life began at 40.

P.S. Doctor said Drs. in love
now. Was embarrassed, etc. etc.

They do sure read my palm.
I had much courage & will
power & had high hopes for
future, I want to accomplish
much. First marriage is
not a good but second is
going to be very happy &
wonderful. Very interesting
future but watch health after
30. I do not take love
very seriously ~~just phrase~~
~~just~~ hakarashii kara

Mar 19th

"Inexpressible Thrillness came
upon me when we sighted Yokohama,
the home of our parents."

Met by relatives. Interviewed
by reporters.

21st Homage at 2 shrines
& Romins.

Theater. Great fundal legend.
Visited Diet.

Party of other men's.

Visited Army Hdqrs -
made contributions.

Soldiers sincerely appreciated
monbukuro filled in America.

Visit to a big factory
Entertained repeatedly.
Saw soldiers leaving.

~~Appreciated~~

Sang ~~to~~ Aiko Kenko
shii. Koken was a

deeper realizⁿ of the true
meaning of this song.

Saw Fuji. Sightseeing journey
"All so nice to us."

"Bid our respects to the gods."

Old castles.

Banquets

Shrines.

Wounded soldiers

Nara. Deer.

Many Blossoms

Festival.

Movie sets.

Mission church, Vorles

A Kn. factory (?) Omi Brotherhood
Mint. church

Mission church

Details of free meals.

Puppet show.

Osaka

~~Newspaper man Sato who~~
Editor in Chief Mr Sato, who

Capt was educated in many
colleges in U.S. & Europe.

He spoke very fine English.

He asked our impression
& intentions. He said, Relations
with Am. in hazardous condition.
Their resistance strong. Our
loyalty to be tested soon
when U.S. & J. have war.

There is abs. of peace betw U.S. & J.
He doesn't think much of
men of J. Everything of poor quality
& high prices.

Tell at home in Jap.
whereas in Am. do not.
I am proud people &
do not want to show
misery.

ap 6 Thru islands on boat.

Meeting in Japs.

News on

Soldiers hospital.

7 " Sang for a roomful of wounded
soldiers. Will never forget this day.
We sang with tears in our eyes &
our hearts bursting. " - We had
to walk around the room
because they wanted to see
our faces."

8 " Met Ruth's cousin. He told a
real story of life of soldier.
Very sad story."

Cherry bloss. & moonlight.

9 " They weep when they talk of
their dead friends.... I couldn't

help but cry myself"

9. Met a certain soldier.

Small towns treat them lovely.

Beautiful country

Singing on bus.

Liked Am. style hotel.

12. "A historic wall 25 mi. long
coast wh we built for protection
of Mongolians in 1275."

14. Geisha restaurant.

"Tomie, a geisha girl, fell for me.

She was sure a kick. Even had a

#. pip a sake."

15. Got bit by bed bugs, it seems.

Shrines, etc. Scenery.

Schools. Relatives. Speeches.

Photographers.

I read described in detail.

18. "The rats bothered me last night.

It's terrible in Japan!"

18. Meets a returned family.
Tears of reunion.

"Okie... surely has changed & grown.
She's a typical Japanese student
of Japan now in 5th grade... They
still want to go back though, but I
don't think they will for a while...
I let Irene read my diary."

21 Visited Steamships.

"The Mikko suite is the Imperial
Room. Boy is it snazzy."
Entertained.

Gifts.

22 ~~Don't~~ Like this house... too small,
smells, & too many children.
But I like them all though. It's
just the house I don't like.

23 Visiting aunts & uncles

"Every body so glad to see me."

"They were glad to see me eat
J. food & speak their language."
Standa by school children.

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Date _____

May 1940

Subject _____

Grade _____

Aug.

25. Visiting cousins. 3 weeks
"I love like it here because my
cousins are around my age."
Her father's brothers want
reunion.

Sea & scenery.

Lovely kin ones.

Likes all her cousins.

29 Went to Grandfather's & Grandmother's
grave with flowers for them both.
... Some people .. know mother
when she was young.

~~30~~ More cousin visits.

May 2. "all I did was answer
their silly questions. They seem
to know so little about America."
"Every where I go I'm such a
rare specimen".

3 Many photographs.

"At 1,2:05 I felt a slight earthquake.
See, I suddenly felt homesick, then."

4 "I'm so thankful to mother & dad for giving me this once in a life chance."

5 "I'm used to getting up early now"

3 or 4
times }

Seen off at trains everywhere.

Wearing Am. clothes & hairdo.

8. Returned to Yokohama
Welcomed letters from home.

9 Visits Tokyo girls University
Empire Party.

Visits stores, Silk industry

11. "To Meiji Memorial Hall in
made me want to study
J. history"

"Had a very enjoyable tea at
Ambassador Grew's home".

12 Wanda U.

Girls led service at Tokyo
Union Church. Mothers Day
(Sentimental)

13 Nikko

14 Scenery

15 Royal reception at a school
Picture
"Really Matsumura is
the ~~best~~ true Japan!"

18 Farewell dinner to them.

19 Travel tired.

19

20 Sees other girls off.

Stays behind with men.

22 Think more of home and get
lonesome for girls when
alone here at my aunt's.
(Aunt reminds her of mother)

23 "It's a little hard to get up early
now." (Writes letters to her friends.
Hoped for letters from
home - disappointed)
It is so nice to have Am.
breakfasts at Yokohama.

26. Mentions good sermon.

27 Up sort of late

28 Trying to get into a girls school.
One school full. "Too many
nisei already. So my hopes were
I would have to wait till
September. So my hopes
were dropped. The school isn't
as nice as I expected."

29 Goes back to Yokohama alone.

30 I plan getting up early from now on.

Remember Brother's tea at Grew's?

June 1 Plan for tutoring Japanese &
entering school in Sept.

(Danna san paying attention)

"We got to find a church to
go to."

5. I feel ambitious & studious so
now is the time to study."

Sleeping poorly.

Food costly

7 Considered Java trip.

June 9. No church found yet.

~~Set~~ Tutor in am.

Help in home

Nothing to do.

American Movies.

Dry season

Herb full of Jap words.

" Haven't been getting any letters
last couple of days & it sure
seems lonesome. I can hardly
wait till I get letters from States."

16 Ojisan (~~uncle~~ uncle) Thinks I
have a pleasing & happy
personality. Still haven't found
church. The bedbugs are terrible
here. (Feels hot at 75°, sleepy
snaps midday.)

Darrin invites, but "didn't go."
Wonder why I don't.
Read gone with the wind.

19 Ms. Eager for letters -
anything from States.

Life magazine.

20 Storm

Bond.

No letter

21 Dislikes sleeping under
"kaya".

22. Interviewed at school.

Told of rigorous regimen.
Conservative clothes
not half play ^{struggle} ~~fight~~ ^{as in} U.S.
~~schools~~ States.

"we have to forget about
all the conveniences of
States and be a person
of Japan, and be satis'fied
with what have here.

Always she happy and take
things with a smile.

It's all a very strict affair.
She wondered if I could
take it.

24. Ship hot friends & letters & packages - much excitement. Cried over it.

Lay awake & cried, & excited next day.

Mrs. Fukuma (friend from U.S.)

Gave me American kisses (candies ~~cookies~~)

Cousin soldier returning to school in China for 2 or 3 yrs.

"They sure go in for umbrellas"

26 Sleepy lately. Hot weather High prices.

27 Sleepy a.m. to get up.

30 Resolves again to find a church.

Damn didn't invite, for first time.

"Don't getting to like Japan more & more."

(A sentimental song
trans into J. line by line)

July 4th I wonder what
everyone is doing at home...
It's the same as any day
here. I sure miss the
celebration.

(Boring & hot, ^{Fall} Lazy.) (Naps)
(mites & gets many letters)
(Fatter)

Mrs. Mujajuma came over.

"Boy, she's some lady."

Feels lousy. Hot weather
Letter from Isabelle. Happy
Days are here again.

Mosquitoes.

Regulars irregular. I wonder what
wrong. (Hot)

Poor rice.

Idle & fat. Sweats

July 12 Friends to 5-7. "Sure wished
I could go along."

13. Nap, headache.

Met ^{Mr.} Kada, who will return to Am.

on next Hikawa-maru. Lucky."

16 Did cry when I got
Mother's letter. I'm sure
~~dates~~ her homeick for
them all.

Package from home. ^{"Keat"} Thrill.
"Happy again".

18 Lazy again. ^{week} skip of
Autoring, here.

21 Attends Cong. Church.

23 Heat & bugs & loss of sleep
make her homeick. Cried.

Wears native costume now.

~~Heat~~ Woke with terrible tummy ache.

Boy has fever again.

No exercise.

26 "Terrible pain in heart last
night. Wonder what it was".

28 "Wish to have feeling of going to
church."

30 Spends money too fast.

Bugs in hair. I can stand just about

July 31

any thing but the bugs."

"Obasan's work is like

play compared to mother's"

Aug. 1.

Advises herself for extravagance.

Dislikes J. & ironing.

2. Heard ~~American~~ over
radio & didn't make me
feel good.

(Osamu is a cousin)

Loafing. Father. Irregular.

Poor sleep. Radio exercise.

4 Wrote Jean Sakiguchi.

4 No exercise to keep me fit.

5. People at ship dress so funny.

Loafs day after day

Read Citadel

12. Notices a certain boy at beach
visit. A Festival. Seemingly.

Hesitantly plays around with the boy,
Others cut in.

7/16 Sends things back by
Fukumas.

18 got sick (ptomaine?)
Dad has nokumaku in hosp

20 Sleepy nap.

- Another beach trip.

Poor food.

"I wonder why I'm so sleepy
It's funny."

23 (A new batch of fine cousins,
A happy day)

24 They all want to hear about
the U.S. It's fun talking to
them.

26.14 page letter from mother... in detail
this time. Didn't make me cry.

Boys caught butterflies - country side
ghost stories on dark wall home

This shirtmaker is really & not like
the home mother used to be
I bet it used to be much nicer.

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Date

Aug 1940

Subject _____

Grade

Sept

Aug 28

met Hirashi san... We talked like
old pals. He's sure a perfect person.
He stayed on, neglecting
former plans. We ~~id~~ talked
till late... I felt that I would
be happy if I ~~id~~ always
be by him. "I could talk
with him forever. I let him use
my towel. He's handsome when
he's sleeping too... Talked all
the way to Torunuma... he tells
his mother that we two are having
a sad talk together. He told me
that he made a mistake about
his marriage, that he's not happy
at all. How happy he would have
been if it ~~were~~ to be me. He says
it's too late to change because his
middleman is the manager of his
company. It's just nothing
but duty that he's doing.

Telling me all these things
he slowly but surely
changed my mind. Before
meeting him I had no idea
of wanting to marry anyone,
but now I have different ideas.
Pleasant afternoon which
will always remain in my
memory. I used his towel,
his cosmetic after bath.

30. 5 day intensive love affair -
~~man~~ goes to his wedding &
is broken hearted.

5 Packs up for school

6. Can understand every thing
in jap movies now.

Aug 30. Couldnt sleep. Thinking and
beginning to realize how happy
he could make me if I went to be his
F. W. but I did not tell him my thoughts
but uprately told him how fortunate
his F.W. was. He to said too that I
probably had someone already or my
parents had one already picked out and
that he would be interfering what he would
probably not make me completely happy. I
think I controlled my thoughts better than he.
He probably told me his thoughts thinking I
wasn't listening seriously. Anyway we
were both truly happy being together. I can see that.
... (Back to Hiro from Tomura)

- 31 He looked worried & very unhappy. I
almost felt sorry for him... he seemed nervous
... I felt like a person outside this cruel
world with my mind filled with thoughts
of the future... I could not be bothered with
anything because the thought of him was ^{so} strong.
Letters... I wasn't thrilled... even the packages...

... Off and on I would forget him...
No appetite, my head seemed to
burn, my heart was pilled with sorrow...
I cried so much that I felt as if I had
nothing to live for. Ojisan thought
was hornier but... I just craved
for Hiroshi-san.

First impressions very favorable... First
hint on way home to Tomura. Thought he was
just saying that to make me feel good.
After all the comers. Together we talked
all moon at Tomura. I thought he was
so nice, handsome, and a truly fine char.
Sho ji-hari began unintentionally, saying
that I would lend a hand. His conversation
became so very serious that it made me
want to think. I don't think I've ever
changed my mind so quick in all
my life. I felt that I had become a changed
person. This sho ji-hari will always be a
pleasant, but still a little melancholy
experience I will treasure secretly deep.

in my heart. Talked until 17:15 about
his so-called unfortunate condition.
Gave me feeling that if it was me
I would be very happy...

F.W. in a looking, made me happy.
Try but she's a lucky person to have him.
He's little bit too good for her.

Sept. 1. My eyes were completely swollen
from last night's tears... my appetite
was not the same... Wrote down my
thoughts on paper so that it will always
remain with me. I didn't realize how much
I loved him until we parted... Little by
little I thought I would make myself
forget... K. was me as was ever
but I had changed, I hoped that no one
can see the change... I went to bed
early and began to think again. Again
a longing for him, but somewhat less
not as much as last night. My
future was a blank, I didn't feel like
going to school. I didn't want to stay in this place

How much nice honeymoon.
Fuji Hotel, beautiful home,
love & happy

Sept 2. By now I had looked at
this whole experience of mine
as a past happening that must
be forgotten & to go on living
naturally as myself.

(goes back to ^{town of} wedding)

Reached Fukuoka, 5 min. later

Hiroaki-san appeared. He told me
how lonely he was, how happy he
would be with me. I did not say a thing
altho I wanted to so badly. Waited quite a
bit in silence. ~~The~~ 10:25 Train from

Mito arrived. It was a relief to see
Hiroaki-san. I suppose everybody
was surprised to see me up with him.
I could see how unhappy H. was.

I tried to act as natural as possible.

All busy getting ready. Left for
(wedding) Bride beautiful. Wedding
ceremony most elaborate. Waiting long.

Dinner exquisite. Sang for Kuo in train.
My thoughts a whirlwind.

Sep 3. Could not sleep well last night
Cried myself to sleep. Tried very hard to
forget him, but, I think I thought of him
the most today. No one did my
mind dwell away from him. I told
Kuo the whole story. Felt sorry
for me also for him. Any body could see
that ours was true love. (Forced self
to write a letter). For various sentimental
reasons I wanted to see him so badly,
I just had to see him. Now that I could
feel him everything. The idea of going
to school & going to Tokyo frightened
me so. I wanted to be by him. Then
there would be nothing to fear. Kuo was
over to in afternoon so I talked with
him to try to forget & make myself
realize that this was how God made my
life, so I must be brave. But nothing was
possible. I would keep on this picture & tears
would roll.

Sept 4

How fast & happy I've been with
him. I don't want to go home, I don't
want to go to school, I don't want to live,
I just want to be with him & go to Cuba, P.O.

4 I wonder what he's doing. I hope he's
happy even if I'm not. I hope as days
advance he will forget about me & love his
wife. Oh what a cruel world. It worries me
to think what he's doing. Last night I wanted
to be with him. I began crying & fell
to sleep... Oh, why do I get letters from
everyone else but him... Ojisan says he
has forgotten about me and is having a
grand time by now. Oh that made my
heart sink. Being my first experience
like this it struck me. I was in a dangerous
position. He told me his thoughts. He didn't
blame me for thinking. I began to feel sorry
for myself. I blamed myself for acting
as I did. I was natural for that person
to call me a "see. j." Oh my heart
ached as a recollected those past few
days.

Ofsan gave me strength courage &
wisdom. I prayed to God that this
experience was gone - to hence forth
give me the power from above to carry on.
5. Slept well for first time in long while.
Drove back to my natural self, but this
exp. will always remain with me.

(Packing) (1/2 yr since left home)
Sleepy in PM
Lozally was killed in battle.

"My future is quite uncertain but with
Gods daily guidance I pray that I may
become worthy and... will make my
mother & dad happy." (Pious resolutions...
73 pages → 2 prayers)

6 (Planning for school.) (Prayers)
Likes sentimental songs.
Plans to dress plain.

Her aunt & uncle give parting gifts.
"Oh! how fortunate I am." "Didn't want to
leave"

Sept. 7. Packing. Left for school.
Likes roommate. She had been in
Manchuria this summer.

Sept 8 Slept well. Routine. Teamwork.
Family feeling. Niece's There. Newcomer
welcomed & given flowers.
All conservative in dress etc.
Attributes Their excellence to Smith.
Joins International club - only 6 mem.
Long resolutions, falls behind wishes.
"Sunsei read to us where German (time)
bomb destroyed palaces in England."
Flower Arrangement Class.
Dad's Responsibility bothers her.
W'd been waga-mama at home.
But thinks "all this busy & full life
is for my benefit." "I hope it will
develop maturity within me."

Sept 14 Forced economy.
Visits historic spots.
Making friends.

Sun. Visits Kagawa's church.

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16. Appreciates morning prayers.
Father.

Learning more Japanese.
Resolutions

Likes Teachers. & Principal.
350 girls.

19. ~~She~~ Sees home during prayers.

"Even tho it is a place like that, I
thought for that period, it was the
best place in the whole wide world."

"Just like a dream this life of ours."
"They all say in studios we'd
have to study in order to keep up."

Time flies.

Needs money.

Weekend to Yokohama.

No letters for me was a disapp.

I wonder what happened to that
Hiroshi-san. I wonder if he got to
Kobe. I have to smile every time I

think of him. I'd sure like to meet
him now & please him a little & tell him
my side of the story. No such luck.

Sept 22 You have to be so careful when walking
^{for town} all alone
The clothes & hair business is
very strict now, but I haven't got a
ticket yet.

"Hated to come back to school"

24 "I get sort of homesick these days
as I have never felt before."

Much letter writing.

Tallest girl & oldest.

Cold weather.

Style show.

Fat. Resolutions.

26. Pious sentiments.

Homesick. "I guess I'll get over it,
but sort of difficult to realize
I won't be home for next two or three
years. But on the other hand I know
I am in Japan for my own good."

Prefers Kagawa's church.

End of month review:

The beautiful wedding, I can
never forget as long as I live.

Never forget my sad experience

and how I finally broke down
told of a sad experience. They were
purely comforting to me. Then at one
goes ahead into school experience.
"I felt as if I were two persons. Everything
I did, heard, saw, I had two
definite viewpoints it seemed. Getting
used to school was quite different."
Girls nice, work is hard.

Oct. 2. Sightseeing.

Oct 3 - - - Routine

6 meets steamer. Stuff from home,
via steward.

7 Still has lang. difficulty. Feels she
is failing in her work. Ashamed.

9. Telephone from Hiroshigean...

I was so excited & glad to hear
from him. I thought he might have
already gone back to Philippines.
He asked if I could see him
because he is going to Philippines
on 14 Nov. & won't be able to see me
for 3 more years.

Sensei said I could go. Met him at Tokyo Eki. (Spent evening with friends.) He's so nice to treat me. I feel so safe with my cousin. He left his wife in Kobe. Still talks same way about her. He gave me the wedding picture. Hated to say goodbye to him. Bid farewell at Shinjuku Eki. Home 8:45.

10. I'm so glad I got to see my cousin yesterday. He's leaving on Pres. Pierce. He sort of hates to go, because of the unsettled situation in the world. There's now a betwixt between J. & Am. It sure worries me though. It would be something very tragic if it does happen."

11. Historic sightseeing.

The 2600th Anniversary, Kan'nan Shiki held at Goto. Emperor & Empress attended. 1000 airplanes flew over.

Bad cold.

Misses letters from friends.

"Oh well, I don't write letters as I used to."

Reducing a little.

16 Pious sentiments.

Introspective about future.

→ 17 Japan wide En. Conference. 26000 ^{Amis}
Choir of 1300.
30000 Dns.

"Gave me the realize of what an important part a small indiv.

like I can do to uphold En principles in this especially trouble some time."

Regional
Holidays 18. Steamer came ^{regrets} couldn't attend.

All nation bowed toward Imperial Palace at 10:15. Gien sounded. "All our hearts filled with thankfulness of the soldiers at Yasakami Jinja."

Week end 4/10/60

★ 19 Welcomed Fummi from Am.

"Mother preached to be more careful in writing my letters with less mistakes. Something happened. Went to bed late & couldn't sleep. Only slept about 3 hrs. I guess coffee affected me."

21 Sees judo boys

> "The jap girls are smart in many ways... very cosmopolitan."

They say the air planes tilt its head while flying over Yasukuni jinja & over Tennos.

(Lucky to be calm & studying)

(need of God's guidance)

(mother & dad, resolutions)

(uses obasan as mother subst.)

(Effect of world affairs on Miei felt)

Oct.

22. Principal tells them will be hardships even when war has ceased.

Decides just due to weather.

23 Homesick, Cold weather.

24 Pious sentiments ^{expresses} to please God even when no earthly friends.

(Whole ~~page~~ ^{page} & a half)

26 Remorse over missing an appointment.

27 Oh! I was home sick! first time!
Sat. Realize the gratefulness of home & parents.

27 Still homesick. "To long for home is a lonesome feeling but... is doing me good."

28 Feels short of time, more to do, inadequacy, need of effort. (Chronic)

29. "Tami... really doesn't want to leave Japan, but ~~will~~ have to decide soon."

29. Embassy announce I some
30. Can about Am. in foren lands to
register. Permit limits. All back by
July 15, 1949

31 ~~Nisei banquet~~

Mr. Moore today asked us
if Nisei felt superior toward
the J. in Japan. Answer was yes.
But I think that is true with us
all when we are yet new to Japan,
but once we mix in with them in
many ways we feel almost
inferior towards them. Esp. when
the down girls are so
cosmopolitan in their ideas. In
many ways I envy
them. But I don't like J.
who look down on Nisei's.
But I know many of them do.

Summary :-

Congenial with Tanii.

Passing mention of final meeting w. H.

First Homesickness

Nov. 1. Big school holiday

"Keisen Day" (Enthusiasm)

2 (Tired but fun. Esprit de corps)

3. Mei's Setan (Holiday)
~~To become a~~ (gap phrase) is our goal.
To really sacrifice for our
country & really love it."

Package from home. Thrill Thrill!

4 Blue over getting some report
too late. Wept. Love home.
"I think of H. on days like this."

5. Misci bang. 60.

6. Fine feeling.

Studies in Slump - Too many things.

7. Notes Roosevelt's 3d term.

8. ~~Prayers~~. Pimples.

Cold weather.

9. Had a late Halloween party
at Dorm.

"I hope there is no war betw States
& Japan. We misers are in a bad
enough fix without any more trouble."

10. Tokyo beflagget for 2000 år siden, by.
Nationwide kon towa.

Daann told of some more of his thrilling experiences at the front.

11. all day, letter to her mother.

"I thought to myself that if I were to marry in Japan I'd have to marry into their family or I wouldn't be content. If not I'd go back to States."

12. Have to write (essay?) on
events connected with
anniversary.

I'm going to stay 2 more years
in Japan, so even if am not
doing as well as I should, now
I hope to improve.

13. ~~Resist~~ Dislike to borrow.

13. 100000 present at

Tokyo stadium for Amur's
"The Prince & Princess" witnessed by
celebr.; the most beautiful & health

taking event followed after
the Boy Scouts lighted their
torch from the Flaming Torch
which was brought from Nara.
^{Oriental occid.}
Dances & Music Marvelous.

Flutes. Contests. Exercises. Judo.
Thrilling. Wounded soldiers
benighted. All so young, but,
quite helpless. The nurses
must be sacrificial & they're
going too. A very peppy & all
leader but only one for the whole
crowd. The 8000 pigeons released
during shiki giving the 3 Banzais.
Movies putting out propagandic
pictures."

15. Fine feeling - lovely day.
Grateful resolutions.

15. "Careful of coal Thinking of hardships of miners." There are so many soldiers in that look so pitiful: we must think of their sacrificial life & study earnestly."

16. ~~Best~~ (More resolutions on economy! & study.)

17. (Pious sentiments.)

"Meditation & prayer seem to do so much for me."

"The kids would tease me & give cracks about my wanting to stay all my life here in F. & make my home. I wonder sometimes if I shld even consider a thing as that when I'm an Am. citizen."

18. "I want to be different from the rest of mineis." Pious sentiments. "Beginning to experience the need of God!" (!)

18 Nov

"Like Hiraishi san said I would find a better "other half of me", as my mother says I need a true Christian as my future. I think maybe both right. And so my auntie says she'd like me happily married. I would give anything to have "The other half of me". I probably will get over it in about a year or so.

I probably shouldn't be ~~worrying~~ considering such a far away future, but it is natural for any girl to have this stage.

~~Good~~

(Remorse for all the unthoughtful mistakes she's made in J.)

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Nov 19.

Virtue Sentiments. Then -

"I am realizing how how much I have missed for not really knowing Japan. In grateful I am acquiring an education in Japan. I wished I could do half as much as what my parents are doing & did for me, etc."

- 20 Onaka-san to leave us. Great sorrow of parting... a real person. It is too bad that she had to be a maid. The f. treat people according to their class. O. was much nicer than some of the girls in this dorm, but just because they were born into wealthy & prominent families they are treated accordingly." More reducing resolutions.

21. Today I feel so sentimental,
I guess it's the lovely
autumn weather. It's just
lovely! I don't know why
but I still think of the person
in the P.D. Oh if only he were
in J., I would never want to
leave if it seems. I can
always remember when he
said he could make me like
Japan. I think he did it without
realizing it affected me.
Oh why doesn't he write. I'm
dying to talk to him. I must
find another idea before I
will ever begin to forget him.
But even then I will always
have thought of him in my
heart. I must think of reducing
my packing so much. I feel
like a "giant".
"The scenery was so beautiful,

I'd hate to leave it. I
know I'd get homesick
for Japan if I ever get
back.

22. (Some Historical Museum)
Weekend.

23. When idle, mind drifts
to future & him. Wonders
if he thinks of her. ~~Straps~~ not
because he doesn't know
she loves him.)

24. (Wishes one rich relation
in Tokyo. Other girls have)
(Her nice but wants "to
mingle with higher class")
I think I got this way after
coming to Japan.
(Money went too fast)
(Again resolves fruits & candy.
"I'll need will power"
"A really a problem".

now

26. Appreciate nature more than at home. Yams for letters from home. Maples. "How I will miss all this after going back." At times I have a feeling within me that I would much rather stay in Japan. After all we are Japanese. I think that will make ~~dad~~ mother & dad happy too. After all were the only relatives in the state, so this is more like home to us. I really think I would be happier in J. Of course materialistically, State is much, much better, but I want "to become rich."

27. I'm feeling much sicker again. I guess we get into unpleasant moods at times. (Letter from home, wonderful)

Nov 27

(Resolves economy with
new money. All wealthy
files in down an very econ.)

(Visited slums. Children.
Teachers need Child Psych.)

28 (Roommate gets snobbish about
their respective prospects &
L's ideas. L. resentful)
'I'll show her'. "She thinks
she is much superior to
that of a nisei". Then, in new ink:
"Oh God! I earnestly pray
that I will gladly love my
enemies. To love those I do not
like. I want to love unconsciously
by a true Xn Life."

Nov.

29. Most girls saw Vicki off to U.S. She had to return on 1 day's notice.)

(More economy resolves)

31. (Lady at Embassy advised her to leave. Hates to, Teri hates to leave, Inadez, stay.)
"But I think both of us have grasped the true spirit of J, which many of the girls have not. I think this is because of our pleasant experiences in J. ... She's really a fine friend." (She's crying over leaving). I'm thinking that even we have to be back by July. ... It seems I have nothing to go home for. My very personal thought is that if I can find a person with fine character, fine income, comes from fine home,

If I can give my happiness,
I wd gladly stay in J.
but otherwise I wd want
to be married in State. Maybe
my mind is shallow... but
I want very so much to
pray to God for guidance....
I want to really become
someone, not just an ordinary
bride. I always compare
with H. Some of the girls might
think I'm crazy for wanting
to stay in J. espec. at a
time like this but that is
the way I feel now. I think I
that if I find the right fellow
in the States I'll be happy.

Dec. 1. (Church
Pious sentiments)

3. Fuji view. Winter scenery.

Principal had turned
Peking ~~Korea~~ etc.)
(Admires her chronically)

Amas card to H.

Resolves Econ
Pious sentiments.

7. Wonders if US friends are forgetting her
Principal told her she was
always cheerful.
8. German cited.

Dec 6 Hard to get up in AM.

Not correspond with many or now,
but there are few letters I'm
waiting for.

Jap ^{even costume} dancers admired.

Mon. Leaving on train to Yokohama.

10. Asks God's forgiveness for faults.
Craves mother as only one
who wd tell her of weaknesses
beside her. ~~Pious~~

Pious sent, mixed with
some gossip about eyelashes,
cut & curled.

Dec 11. (Thinks law for return by
July 15 must have been
rumor) (Insecurity)

(Principal to write to all
parents ~~putting it up to them~~
~~what to do.~~) Telling them
what should be done about it.
It all depends on our parents
& us. I don't want to go home
I want to stay here through
two years course and
really study & I like to
stay about "a year more
after graduation".

Mr. Moore current event Teacher.

"When & if the time comes on
I guess I'll have to go
back, cause I can't stay here
alone, you know."

"Consultative advisors to go home & ordering all Americans home. But I think Tami took the wise step in going home."

(She's always cold)

(Again Thinks Law will require return in June. Begins to worry about going home.)

15. Cramming. ~~Feels alert.~~
"I'm feeling so alert."
Exams.

Just before exam "I received a letter from him. I was so happy to get it. I thought he had forgotten about me. (He's really an inspiration to me. (Repeats her pleasure in letter 4 times))"

Dec 17

Visits Pub Health Center & Bnd.
Temple & Hosp. (Being an
Am. investment it is kept very
clean. Made me happy
to know there is a hosp. like
back home to go to if ever we
needed to.

(Later
Felt wet miserable & homesick)

18 Tam decides to renew his
passport.

Visits Miss Payne's school.

20 (Likes parties but wishes it
were with him) "But those days are
gone forever. I must find another
person like him."

(Debates about going or staying)

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Dec. 21. ~~Don't seem like~~
Doesn't seem like Xmas season.
Lazy, Cold.

"Stores don't sell anything
that represents Xmas. There
no pep to do anything. I wonder
why."

Admires ^{motually} tireless principal.

22.

She & Tami got sick. Fever.
Homesick.

23d. Missed Xmas party & carols.
Wrote brot the candies.

24. To Yoko. A friend nisei spent
night & they talked all night
about "future, home, family."

(friend talked Seattle) G. H. Folks, school, personal Thoughts

Xmas Eve of home - but nothing
to remind me of it.

25. Shopped at Dept Store.

Still feels sluggish

Xmas
Holiday

Stick myself in kotatsu
& write or talk.

Wrote to H. cause I
felt like it. I get so lonely for
him these days. I guess he
really means something
to me but he doesn't know
it.

Still feeling numb. I don't
know what it is, but I don't
like it.

26. I felt lazy and didn't
feel like doing anything.
I don't feel like doing anything.
Sit in the kotatsu all day.
What a lazy bum.

Played 500 & Runny.

How dreadfully dry it is
to do nothing in Japan.
I suppose this school life is grand.

Dec.

27. Felt like myself
again & felt happy.

Mad at Tada sensei for
not sending off my package.
She's the limit when it comes to
laziness.

I can hardly remember what
our home was like. If I don't
wake up & do things to wake
people like me I'll be in a mess.
We got to be more lively. I guess
it's because I compare with
sic) H. If I were with me I could
be a changed person in one
minute.

28. Visits other cousins.

"I wanted to go to Tomina right
away" (but of San met, so couldn't
return.) "Everything (at Mito)
reminds me of this summer;
but since he's not here it's just
lost imagination".

Dec 28 - "I shd be as smart as
Otsunisan & be like a guest
so your etiquette will improve
& they can't talk about you.
You know people are always
wanting to talk about you. in
This classan ^(can't) here is so
inquisitive I don't like it. T. isn't
~~not~~ in such a good mood,
because I didn't write her.

29. Got up late when I know
I shouldn't.
(Didn't feel welcome, so bus
to Tomura)

"When I eat with Kanbo, I always
think of H. He is much more
quieter. H. always thinks
of everything and is always
looking out for me. Asks
whether I'm comfortable when
I want anything, he's always
thinking of me and asking me

questions. Kambo likes me too
but he doesn't show it outwardly.
I sorely missed even for a
moment I did go back to
this summer so if I could meet
it even for five minutes, I'd only.
But as Kambo says 'life is but
a dream'. I know he does a
lot of dreaming too, like me! I'm
glad I had that experience
this summer, everything
in Tomura brings back
pleasant memories... I'd sit
in the room when H. & I talked
together in the evening. K. comes
in to comb his hair. I told him
to bring the mirror under the light
like H. does & he does it.

30. (Gap. Line)

This is the (gap word) That
Kambo wrote this morning in
bed. ~~He~~ We had a very
nice talk until about 2 am.
He's just like a big brother
to me. (He has boyhood
fondness for Tomura) Every
moment I think of H. ...
Tomura isn't the same
without him, but it seems
K is just as good company.
He's so understandable &
so nice. I sure like him very
much. Just to see him and
to hear him talk I'm happy
& contented, he must really
mean something to me.
Just a lovable cousin I'm
sure. ... K. is quite different
from H. but the way he looks
at me is same as H.

Dec.

30. Obasan opened the gripe
wine which ofisan received at
The Shuteiten at the Imperial
Palace at 2600 R. Anniv. I sipped
a drop that K. gave me in H's
sakazuki. Drunk wine from the
Emperor himself. K. is surely a
lovable person. I can't help but
love him. He has that something
that H. hasn't got. Some more
pleasant memories of Tomura
to be left in my heart to dream
about.

(K. leaves town)

(Congenial cousins) So again
I am happy without H. or K.
(Contented without a thing to do.)

"My heart is satisfied, I
guess that's most important
factor in life.

(Dap line) a new resolution.

Final page 1940.

"Every little word you say
means so much for me".

"The love you made to me
will always remain so dear
to me" The silence which befalls
is like a dreamland of
make-believe. This no one can
take away. "I'm so lonesome
for you when I hear not your
answer to my pleading
heart." Phrases I made up
myself....

(Her relatives under strain don't
show feelings ~~she~~ admires them.)

Even tho I go back home,
I'll always remember dear Tomura.
I'm afraid I'll want to come
back when I can't....

How fortunate I am to have
all these nice cousins around
me.