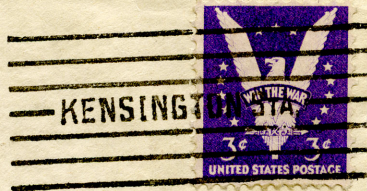
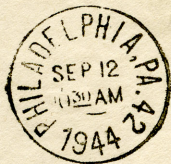


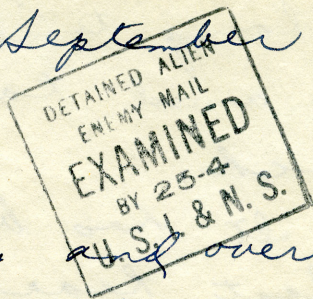
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Dear Oji-san,

I am so happy and overcome with joy that I could cry! Today I received a letter forwarded to me from Papa-san which was written by Mr. Allan Pomeroy, assistant U.S. attorney in Seattle. He carries the wonderful news that through "an order issued by the attorney General dated August 24, 1944" that you are now paroled!! It's almost too good to be true, but I hope that nothing else will hold up your release from Santa Fe. I don't think Papa-san knows because the letter was sealed so I must write him immediately to let him know. I only hope that your actual release will not take as long as Mr. Ysutake's. Please let me know when you plan to leave there for Minidoka. It is wonderful to know that you will at last be seeing the family again. Two years and nine months are and have been

a long time. I do wish I could see and talk to you again so much.

It has been two months since I last heard from you or wrote to you. So much has happened that it's difficult to line up everything in my mind. During the summer I was "batching" or living together with three other girls at the Burgesses apartment while they were away for the summer. We girls had a good deal of fun cooking and keeping house. I was attending summer school in the mornings and working at the office in the afternoons so you can see how busily occupied I was.

Perhaps you know a Mr. Handa of Seattle who was a ~~#~~ Redcap in the Great Northern Station. His daughter was with us and she is the best cook! I don't know what we would have done without her really.

Since Sept. I moved here to the hospital and am now training to become a nurse.

I am in the Cadet Nurse Corps under which program the govt. provides us with uniforms, books, room and board and most important of all, tuition. I think this a most wonderful opportunity and am thankful indeed for all that has been provided for us. The hospital is quite large, with considerable grounds which are all fenced in. We have had a tour of the place and I'm afraid I'll lose my sense of direction in one of these many buildings. My roommate is a very nice and sensible Caucasian girl and we get along swell. The food here is good - much better than camp's - and the teachers and instructors are all very eager to help us. The girls on the whole are rather young, about 18 or 19, but there are a few who are fortunately as old as I. Nursing will be hard work, I know, but I think I will like it immensely. Studies will probably take up

so much of my time that it will be hard to find time to write letters. That's why I want to tell you all before homework is piled up on us. I Uni-chan is at the Penn. Hospital which is about a mile and a half from here. Seems as though all of a sudden the Shitanas have become interested in hospitals. At least I won't have to worry if I get sick.

I do hope this finds you well, Oji-san. You probably have already heard of the wonderful news and maybe this letter may find you packing your bags, I hope.

Please write me here if you can. It will be good to hear from you for letters are always something we nurses-to-be look forward to.

Philly is enjoying a cool spell - perhaps it's autumn - who knows? Do hope it's not too hot down there in N. Mexico. Please take care of yourself.
Lovingly,
Miyoko