

Dec. 8, 1942

Today, last year I went to school excited, scared (tho I had no reason to be) and sort of embarrassed. When I went to class everyone was talking about it and I felt a little conspicuous as it everyone was looking at me. The rest of the kids said hello to me as usual and all tried to keep off the topic of war. However I didn't feel much like talking about anything that day. All during English Class my English teacher had the news broadcasts on. One report was coming from Manila and was cut short as Jap. planes began flying over. After I got home I did little else except listening to news reports.

Today I took my physical exam.



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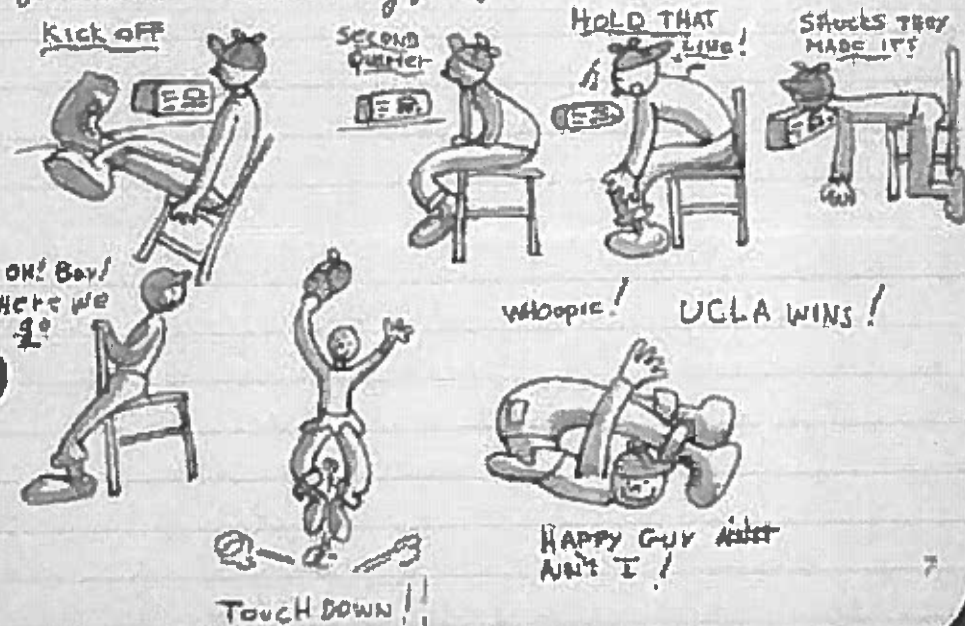
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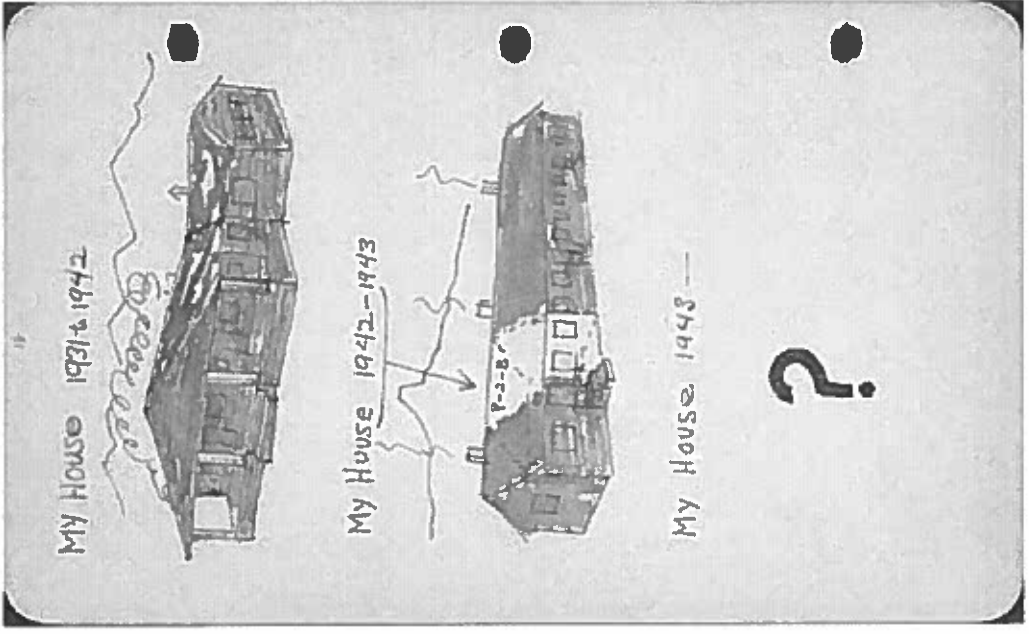
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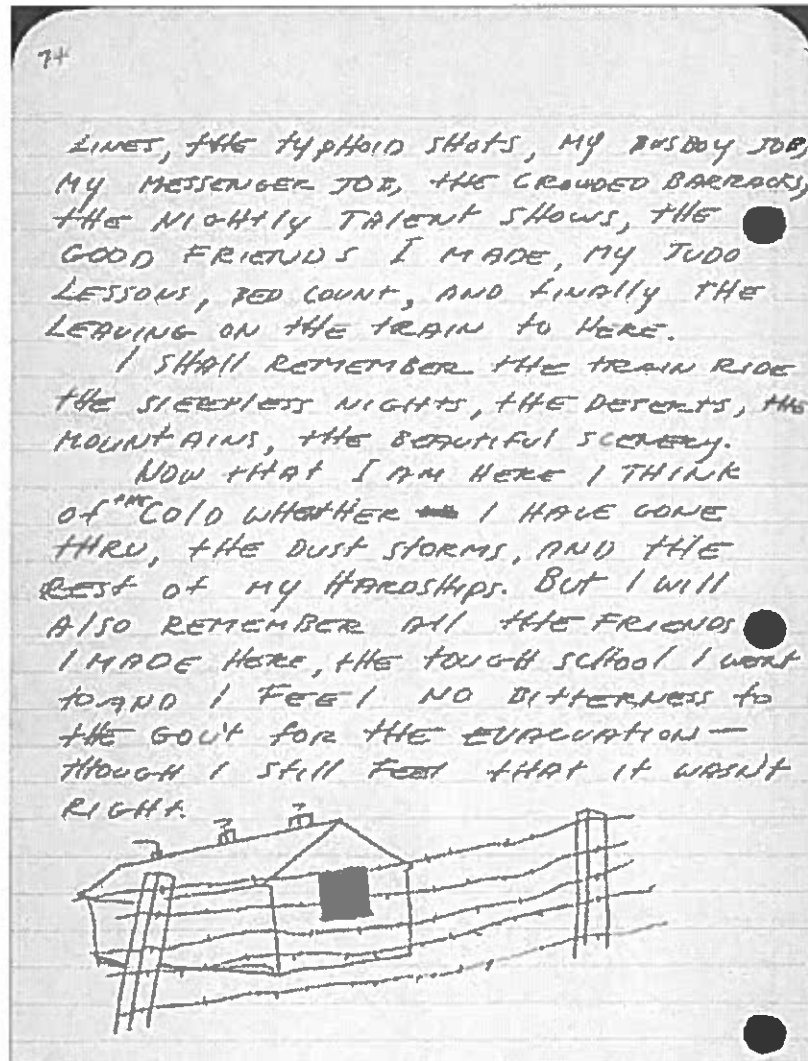
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May 14, 1943 Friday

Today marks the end of one year in camp for me. I shall remember that day that I was evacuated for the rest of my life. I shall remember how I stood on the corner of Garvey & Atlantic with about a thousand others- then the busses came and whisked us off to camp. I shall remember the lump which came into my throat as the bus went down the street and when some of the people on the sidewalks and Mexican laborers in the field, waved at us.

I shall remember the barbed wire, the armed guards, the towers, the dust, the visitors, the food, the long...





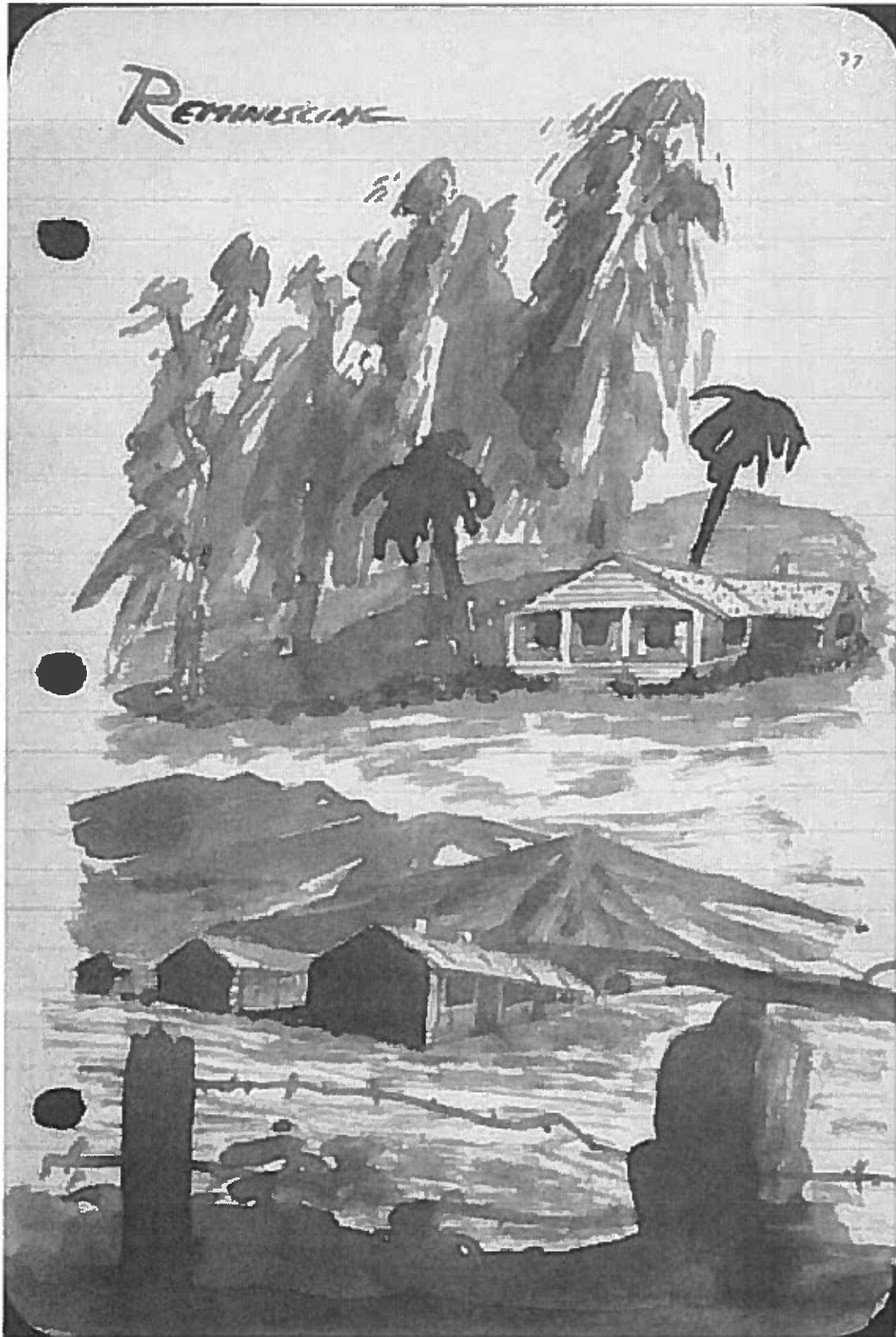
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...lines, the typhoid shots, my busboy job, my messenger job, the crowded barracks, the nightly talent shows, the good friends I made, my judo lessons, bed count, and finally the leaving on the train to here.

I shall remember the train ride the sleepless nights, the deserts, the mountains, the beautiful scenery.

Now that I am here I think of the Cold whether I have gone thru, the dust storms, and the rest of my hardships. But I will also remember all the friends I made here, the tough school I went to and I feel no bitterness to the Gov't for the evacuation- though I still feel that it wasn't right.





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JUNE 26

SAT MORNING

YESTERDAY MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR, OHASHI, DIED. HE HAD BEEN SICK FOR A LONG TIME. HE LEFT HIS WIDOW, THREE DAUGHTERS, AND ~~THE~~^{TWO} SONS. HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, EMIKO, GRADUATED THIS SEMESTER AS THIRD HIGHEST IN THE CLASS.

AT THE POSTER SHOP YESTERDAY I HAD TO DO A POSTER - I SEE WHERE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO A LOT OF PRACTICING IN LETTERING. THE POSTER SHOP IS JUST LIKE SCHOOL - I LEARN WHILE I GET PAID. THE COMMERCIAL ARTISTS THERE ARE ALL NICE TO ME AND ARE WILLING TO TEACH ME ANYTHING ABOUT IT. I ALSO HAVE TO DESIGN A POSTER.

A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO, IT WAS JIMMIE YADA'S BIRTHDAY. (JUNE 24) HE IS NOW 17 YRS. WE (TSUNEO HIYAKE, JIMMIE, KEI BESTO, AND I) GABBED UNTIL ONE O'CLOCK ~~PM~~ AM.

THURSDAY I SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER SCHOOL. I HAVE TO ~~SO~~ FINISH UP MY PLANE GEOM. I'M TAKING IT IN THE AFTERNOON FROM 2:30 - 4:30.



June 26 [1943]

Sat. Morning

Yesterday my next door neighbor Ohashi died. He had been sick for a long time. He left his widow, three daughters, and two sons. His youngest daughter, Emiko, graduated this semester as third highest in the class.

At the poster shop yesterday I had to do a poster.- I see where I'm going to have to do a lot of practicing in lettering. The poster shop is just like school- I learn while I get paid. The commercial artists there are all nice to me and are willing to teach me anything about it. I also have to design a poster.

A couple days ago, it was Jimmie Yada's birthday. (June 24) He is now 17 yrs. We (Tsuneo Hiyake, Jimmie, Kei Bessho, and I) gabbed until one o'clock A.M.

Thursday I signed up for summer school. I have to finish up my *my plane geom.* I'm taking it in the afternoon from 2:30-4:30.



MY VIEWPOINT OF THE EVACUATION

MANY PEOPLE HAVE WRITTEN OF THE EVACUATION — HAVE DEBATED ABOUT IT IN HEATED DISCUSSIONS — AND HAVE WONDERED ~~HOW~~ HOW WE FEEL.

WELL, SINCE I AM ONE OF THOSE EVACUATED, ALTHOUGH I MAY NOT BE ~~THE~~ TYPICAL, BUT THEN WHO IS?, I WILL TRY TO SET DOWN IN WRITING — WHAT I THINK ABOUT IT?

FIRST OF ALL, DO I THINK THAT IT WAS CONSTITUTIONAL? NO I DO NOT. WE DID NOT GO THROUGH THE DUE PROCESSES OF LAW. THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE. (IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT ~~THERE~~ HAS BEEN NO SABOTAGE DONE BY THE JAPANESE IN HAWAII OR ~~EVEN~~ THE WEST COAST PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE EVACUATION). HOWEVER, IT COULD HAVE BEEN LEGAL, SINCE THE MILITARY DOESN'T HAVE TO GO BY THE CONSTITUTION IN TIME OF WAR.

DO I THINK RACIAL ~~PREDD~~ PREJUDICE WAS INVOLVED? YES I DO. IF IT WERE NOT, HOW DOES ONE ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT THAT GERMAN AND ITALIAN ALIENS WERE NOT EVACUATED WHILE JAP. AMERICAN CITIZENS AS



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 N. M. M. M.



My Veiwpoint of the Evacuation.

Many people have written of the evacuation- have debated about it in heated discussions- and have wondered how we feel.

Well, since I am one of those evacuation, although I may not be typical, but then who is?, I will try to set down in writing- what I think about it?

First of all, do I think that it was Constitutional? No I do not. We did not go thru the due processes of law. They didn't have any evidence. (It has been proven that there has been no sabotage done by the Japanese in Hawaii or the West Coast prior to or after the evacuation). However, it could have been legal, since the military doesn't have to go by the Constitution in time of war.

Do I think racial prejudice was involved? Yes I do. If it were not, how does one account for the fact that German and Italian aliens were not evacuated while Jap. American citizens as well as Japanese aliens were evacuated. Don't tell me we were the more dangerous. Germans & Italians can get closer to defense plans than a Japanese can.

Do I think that it was worthwhile from the standpoint of the Gov't. This is a very tough question as I don't know all the facts and what I say would be my opinion alone. My answer is that I don't believe that it was worthwhile to the Gov't. Out of the 115,000 Japanese evacuated I doubt if there were any really dangerous ones. Instead of evacuating all of us- they should have kept an eye on us and just evacuated the worst of us. The evacuation also cost the Gov't a tremendous amount of money and is continuing to do so. California faced a serious labor and food shortage due to the evacuation. [The following text inserted in smaller handwriting above:] Also many Nisei lost faith in America.

Do I think the evacuation did or will do some good? Yes- for one thing it broke up the heavy concentration of Japanese on the Pacific coast, and eventually all of them will be spread out over the whole US without looking conspicuous. However once we start forming those cliques (such as Little Tokio) and start isolating ourselves people will begin to misunderstand us, grow suspicious of us, and prejudice will form against us again.

Well now that I have gone over the whole g ~~***~~ situation what do I think in the final annalysis.

I think that the whole mess what unnessary and a lot of trouble could have been avoided. However it did some good- that of breaking up the cliques. I personally will proceed to forget this whole mess, will try to become a greater man from having gone thru such experiences, keep my faith in America, and look forward to relocation and the future.

Dont be afraid of opposition, remember a kite rises against, not with the wind
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Aloha Stanley Hayami



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Well only time will tell
 Right now I've gotta get
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 & rest all stay in some health
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Well only time will tell right now I've gotta get some shut eye- gotta get up early tomorrow. Hope Ma & Pa & Walt & Sach & Frank all stay in sound health and are happy always

Aloha til I [~~letters crossed out~~] write again- It may be a year it may be sooner- (I hope) or maybe ten years (groan).

