

are speculating as to when Germany will be finished, and as to how much longer it will take to defeat Japan. I, myself, am not making too many guesses as to just when the end will come. I hope that we will finish the European partner by the end of this year, and the Asiatic member by before the end of next year.

The Minister and I spent twenty days in the north recently, and I am sure we came back better Americans than when we went. I never was so proud of our people in my life. The things we have done in New Guinea, a land where vegetation, water and insects are all so hostile, and where there is absolutely nothing that grows naturally for food or benefit. Here the big cities we have erected over night and what is being done are simply marvels. These explain General MacArthur's victories. Incidentally, I have had two conferences with the General, and two teas with Mrs. MacArthur while on the trip. They are all in fine health. We are very fortunate in having such an able Commander. I was especially delighted to see that we have landed in Saipan. I can see great possibilities as a result of this landing. I even have hopes that I may see my son Chan before the end of the year.

Right now I have hopes of coming home for a few weeks during July and August. If I do so, I may visit Lawrence sometime about the 20th of July. I have not received approval yet and, of course, my leave might not be granted. In case I do come to Lawrence, I will certainly contact you providing you are there. It is likely to be a very hot roasting time there, and not very pleasant, but there are so many people I would like to see, and I am especially anxious to check up at the University where I have sent a fine lot of mineral samples from Australia, a large quantity of Aboriginal articles, and several rows of war posters.

I hope that Gertrude and all your kin are fine and well and that you will have a pleasant summer with some fishing at Gull Lake in Minnesota.

Things are going very well with me, and so far I have kept in excellent health. I am, however, a bit homesick to see America, my family and friends.

With every good wish.

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