

July 10, 1945

Col. Karl F. Baldwin
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Dear Col. Baldwin:

I was glad to get your letter of June 15th. I had purposely made my letter of May 8th of a rather light nature feeling that you had enough serious things to consider from time to time. In spite of your activities and the good work that I am sure you have done, I know the load that has been on your mind and on that of Mrs. Baldwin.

As I have remarked before, I have been pleased with the good work of your son John.

As there were some saved from the hospital ship, your boy may have been among that number, but if the contrary is true, he may have been saved cruel imprisonment by being lost at sea.

It is hard for one to determine just what the future of the Nisei will be in America. If they have been thoroughly alienated from the Japanese idea of emperor-god, we shall have to be as kind towards them as we can, although it will be difficult for us not to distrust them. Certainly they should never again be permitted to congregate around military posts.

Col. McMorris, who has been in charge of the ROTC, has been transferred to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. I am sure that both the people of the town and the University would be happy to have you return to your former work, but with the closing of the war and the need to find places for officers still in service, the near approach of retirement for you might stand in the way. Since starting to write this letter, I called the Chancellor's office because I wished to know how the University would feel about it. The Chancellor was out, but Ray Nichols said they would be very happy to have you, but feared that this other matter might stand in the way, so the field is clear here if you could arrange for a transfer, and your many friends both in Lawrence and at the University would be very happy to have you back. I am sure we have never had a Commandant who did as good work and who had as many friends in the town and at the University as you have.

Generally speaking, the nation has been pleased with President Truman's general attitude. Of course, he is a Democrat, and he is appointing Democrats, but that is to be expected, but some way I think many of us feel that the nation is far more safe in his hands than it was before he took over, or than it would have been had Wallace been in the supreme position at this time.

Lawrence has measured up splendidly, going far over the top in every drive, and in doing everything else that it could to support the nation and its armed forces.