

MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA.

DECEMBER 4, 1944.

DEAR JAMES;

THANKS FOR THE INTERESTING LETTER, AND GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU ARE ALL RIGHT IN THESE COLD WINTER DAYS. AS FOR US, WE'RE JUST FINE AND DANDY.

BOY YOU SURE HAD A HELLVA NICE THANKSGIVING DIDNT YOU? THE WAY YOU WROTE, YOU SOUND AS IF YOU HAD A GRAND TIME. BACK HOME IN FLORIN, ALL WE DID WAS GO TO MOVIE IN THE AFTER-NOON AND THEN AT NIGHT FOR SUPPER WE CHRISTIANS GATHERED AT THE HALL IN FLORIN AND ATE CHICKENS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. AND AFTER THE FEAST ATE WE ALL HAD GAMES. AND BOY, WE SURE USED TO HAVE A GRAND TIMES. SAN FRANCISCO WAS A GOOD PLACE WASNT? BOY, THE FARTHEST I GOT FROM HOME WAS CHICO, NEXT COME Lodi AND STOCKTON. WHERE WAS THE FARTHEST YOU GOT FROM YOUR HOME?

WELL I GOT MY PRELIMINARY ARMY PHYSICAL ON THANKSGIVING MORNING (BLOOD TEST AND X-RAY). THEN 5 DAYS LATER (TUESDAY), I TOOK THE PRE-INDUCTION EXAMINATION. I THINK I PASSED TOO! THERE WERE SEVEN SENIORS COUNTING ME. ALTOGATHER, 39 MEN

TOOK THE PHYSICAL, AND FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD, ONLY 14 OUT OF 39 HAVE PASSED. OTHER 20 REJECTED. WE DID NOT GET SWEARED IN YET. IF WE GET CALLED FOR ACTIVE DUTY, BEFORE 2ND. SEMESTER, WE SENIORS CANNOT GET ANY DEFERRMENT. BUT IF WE GET CALLED IN 2ND. SEMESTER, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE.

BY THE WAY, HOW'S YOUR MOTHER GETTING ALONG? I HOPE SHE'S COMING ALONG O.K.

WELL IT LOOKS AS THOUGH PRES. F.D.R. DOESN'T WANT US TO RETURN TO THE WEST COAST HUH? THAT'S WHAT THE DADDER SAYS.

ANY THING NEW OVER THERE?

WE SAW "CORVETTE K-225" STARRING RANDOLPH SCOTT, ANDY DEVINE & ELLA RAINES. IT WAS A PRETTY GOOD PICTURE. LAST, LAST WEEK, WE SAW "PASSPORT TO DESTINY". BOY THAT WAS A WASTE-TIME PICTURE.

UNTIL NEXT, I REMAIN.

D.S.

ENCLOSED IS \$1.00. IT ISN'T MUCH BUT, BUY SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOUR MOTHER.

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