

Mangamoo, California,
August 1, 1944.

Dear James;

Well here I am again James, writing to you from Mangamoo and I presume you still in tip-top condition for the Army. As for us, were just fine.

Oh yes! James thank you ever so much for the candies you sent to me through Bill Laketa. Gee my sisters and brothers enjoyed eating it very much and I sure did too! But James, you shouldn't do thing like that too much. We sure are tickled to see candies like that because we don't see much of it.

How's the weather over there in Florin? hot? I guess so. It's very hot here too. One thing here on a hot day is that whenever a small breeze it blow nothing but hot air which makes it more worse.

I never knew that there were coyotes around that vicinity. Well don't let those big bad wolf no I mean coyotes get your sheeps because they're very valuable, especially war-time.

Well we had our first major fire here last Friday, July 28, around 5:00 P.M. Bill and I were eating in the mess hall when one of the fellows spotted the black smoke. So after we finished our supper we walked to the warehouses which were on fire and it was around quarter mile away from where we live.

It was a pretty big fire O.K. Burned down three warehouses. In the first one brooms, tissue papers, mops, and other household equipment were kept. The 2nd. was the oil distributor's headquarter. The 3rd. was the sign shop, that's where they make signs and other woodworking. Nobody was hurt severely in this fire, About 3 persons had minor burns and scratches. I don't know what caused it and how much the damage costs, but I think it might come out in the "free Press", our newspaper.

We saw the "Fallen Sparrow" last Friday night. It was pretty good picture starring John Garfield and Maurine O'Hara.

The call for physical came in and yesterday and today were the day. Incidentally, I didn't receive my call. Some of the guys were inducted yesterday and took the oath 4:00 P.M. Some more guys will be taking physical today.

Oh yes I have 4 brothers and 5 sisters. They go in order. Mary (married), Ruby (married), Elmer (married), Daniel, David, Summy (married), May, myself, Eileen, and George. Daniel wants to work in Oregon, he's on furlough. David wants to Idaho to work, he's on furlough too. Summy, she's married and had relocated to Denver, Colorado. Her husband works in "Utah Nippo" Newspaper Co. Mary is at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

P.S. Again thanks for the delicious candies.

Your Pal
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