

Fresno Assembly Center
August 23, 1942

Dear friend:

Thanks very much for a letter. I am still in Fresno. It is very hot here. It is always over 105° or more every day, but if we just have a ceiling in our barrack and trees around it won't be so bad.

Last week I went to order a government clothes through Sears Roebuck & Co. They have given us 41.48 for 3 months for our family. They have checked 2+3 items which we could order, such as dresses, shirts, shorts, and soap etc. and nothing else, so 'pretty' soon, every body in camp will be wearing particularly same shoes and clothes. If they don't want to wear same clothes, we have to buy with our own money.

Last week they have come to check the mother with a baby under gear and half ^{for relocation} so the mother and baby will be on Pullman train and daddy and my girl will be in different train; so I think it won't be very long from now. I wish they let us stay here. My baby is sure getting big. She weigh 17 pounds and her rash is all gone. They have given baby mush, baby food and oranges for all ^{the} babies. My older girl get 10 c'clock

milk and cookies and one time in afternoon
so it is very nice for the children, but
we are in the dog house. They have no
sugar, so they use syrup instead of sugar
in the coffee and grapefruit without sugar.
and dinner is particularly always wienies
and cabbage so I am getting tired of it.

Before you could have send in the food
but no more perishable food ^{and heating food} and allowed ^{to}
in the camp for weeks; but fruit is O.K.
I am glad your vegetable garden has turned
out good and you have put up lots of string
beans. Try put up many vegetables and fruits
as you can. I think every thing is going
up.

Frank's brother in Pine Dell has transferred
to Arizona. They said it is very very hot.
and they have nothing but carrots + celery
every day; so they said maybe they are
mistaken, as rabbits. They have to buy
water for \$1.75 for 5 gallons. The water
there is very salty; so when army order
comes they will be first ones to come
back to Pine Dell; it is 100% better in Pine Dell
so I know how bad let is. Do you know
our camp is No 1?

I bet Margaret has nice vacation with

mother. I thought school starts later this year but I think not. Here we have summer school and kindergarten; but my girl is not going but I think when school starts they all have to go. Every Sunday I take her to Sunday school, and she likes it. Our grape Company has been sending the eastern prices for the prunes for us; and the prune prices are very good compared with last year; so I think this year the turkeys will be very good. How hot it is take good care with of turkeys. you get something this year.

Now, I am closing the letter. Maybe you have hard time understanding my letter. Best regard to all of you.

Your friend
Minnie Knudsen