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Dear Joe and Lea.

I received your package thank you very much it's really something to know that some one back home remembers me. Every season's all over now isn't it? That's a good business, work the whole summer and rest for the winter. Raining days you stay home and eat chestnuts! Speaking of it they got chestnuts here too but they're small and not nearly half as good as the ones that grow in your orchard. In fact everything over here is poor in grade. Apples are small. Cherries and peaches I don't know til next season. They grow good potatoes tho.

It gets plenty cold some days and other days not too cold. All in all it's a lot colder here than back home. It's very mountainous where we are and most of what I've seen so far.

Mrs. Ito writes to me every so often and judging by her letter well I wished for her sake and her family that they will be able to go back and continue where they left off very soon. I know for sure there's always an opening back there for Johnny in dry business. Oh! I wished I can express my thoughts about all these things, the war, the life of people in the relocation centers and even the life of these French people, but due to my lacking of

education, it's just impossible.

Once in a while I pick up an American newspaper from West to East coast and North to South, and I don't know just what it is, everything in it interests me including the advertisement and want ad section. I suppose it is so because that's something outside of war. Look see, whenever we (soldiers) get to gether small or big groups, the subject is always concerning the war. As for myself I want to hear about things happening or going on back home. Naturally it makes me happy to hear how the Allies pushed and take so-and-so towns but don't you think a soldier can stand learning what's going on back home?, whether it being social, agriculture or even crimes that's been comited. Sorry I grieved a little too much, you know how it is, it just helps taking load off my mind, and you just happened to be the victim.

Turning away from such subject once again let me thank you for remembering me and sending over a package. Will close now so give my regards to Joe and best wishes for Bobby and his brother

Yours Always
Dale