

Dear Joe,

27/42

After you left it was really hard to get along without you. I just finished my math & matau is here helping Town on his ingenious civics. It is nine thirty & pappas just getting home from work. Mama has just had a bit a discussion with O dakara san. Well I guess I better go to bed.

Jan. 28/42

Dear Joe,

Today it is Ayako Nishis birthday & she actually 13 years old. Also Haruko Ichim's & Herby Takemuras. Herby is 14 & Haruko is 12. Today they come after your col & tick. We kept the blankets for our own use. Tonight Ayako & I played horse shoe with Town & Matau. Matau & I lost & of course Town & Ayako won. The score was 21-16. Tonight mamas fixing the two windbreakers she started & she's practically finished. This morning Town & Papa estimated that you were someplace passed Utah. Tonight the stew was full of pepper & boy it was so hot that each bite you took had to be taken down with a bit of water. One man didn't know it had a lot of pepper in it & put some on. Boy you should have seen the expression on his face. Well, we also had rice, dishwater soup & 9 small doughnuts. Kiyo says hello to you. I went to the lavatory & Miss Akuyama said that Miss Ely told her class about you. She said that Miss Ely said every body should relocate because after the war it would be impossible to be

Dear Joe, Jan. 29/42
Today I have got sort of used to sleeping in your bed. Boy it's really comfortable & warm. Well I finished my math & I'm ready to retire. Tatsuo let some boys do experiments in class & it sure was interesting. Yesterday I got a letter from the Varins & they say it's getting much warmer after having one month of 1 complete degree below 0. They also sent me a picture of Mrs. Varin & Punky. Boy I had to look twice before I could recognize Punky. He sure has gotten big since I last saw him. The mittens & gloves I sent them reached & they said they liked them very much. They also sent me a Hankie & two pictures of Christ. Mrs. Varin said that Punky says sank you good maoch. That's the way he's supposed to talk.

Dear Joe, Jan. 30/42
Everybody thought of your birthday & it really was sad not being with you on your 22nd birthday. Tonight we had our program. They fixed the stage the way they would have a shibai. All the little kids did it very well. Migo & I did a skit & I think it turned out pretty good. After Migo & I did it they had refreshments. We had 5 cookies, 1 Tangarine 5 Cashew nuts, & pieces of Hi Ho with pickled relish inside. That's about all. Well after the refreshments it was all shibai stuff so I went home. I think Dyke is leaving for relocation next Monday. Well I'll write again tomorrow. We all estimated that you were in Chicago by today.