

April 21, 1943

Dear Joe,

Thank you for all of the letters we have been receiving from you.

She are all fine and hope to find you pretty well. Poppa had a cold last week but he's okay now. Gee I feel lousy today with a dumb ache. My decayed tooth has made a big bag or bump which is swollen out everytime I eat hard food it really hurts but I'm going to the dentist to see what he'll do about it.

Talking about your school, it must have been funny when the fresh men were paraded and had to run around on the track field. Boy it sure made me laugh alot. School is okay down here and I think everythings okay. One thing I hate is the southern teacher. She grades just terribly funny and I think she isn't such a hot teacher. I'm getting to like my math because I am being able to understand it better than I used to. One period that I really am sad in is the Science class. That subject is just too complicated for me and it just won't go into my good lopsided brains.

I got a swell easter card from the Varins and also some pictures. The pictures show Mr. & Mrs. Varin with punky and they are all ready to go on ride with the dog sleds. Mr. Varin sure got fat. He really looks terrific. Boy I couldn't believe it was him for a while. Boy punky is really getting big. He looks pretty strong going out doors in 30 below degrees.

This year we will not be together as we used to be but remember all those dear easter holidays that we have spent together. I wish you the "Happiest Easter."

Next Saturday (April 24) we are going on a picnic to the hill for our 1st year anniversary which is April the 26th. This will be the first time I'll be getting

out of camp. Lawrence's pretty lucky. At least
every Saturday he goes to the hills to work
but I wish I could really go with him.

Last Saturday I went to the show to
see King of Kings. Gee, it really was good.
The life of Christ. It was presented to the
Manzanar people by Father Lavery. It was
really old. That picture came out in 1924.
Also I saw Superman comic. It was good too.
I was weighed in Gym yesterday and I seem
to have lost another half pound. Now I
weigh 105 1/2 when at home I used to weigh 107 lbs.
My height has also seem to have shrunk. I
am 5 ft 1 1/2 inches when I used to be 5'2"
at home.

There was a letter from Isabelle Gates and
poppy has sent it to you but to make sure
that you answer it I am just reminding
you.

When you wrote the Southern style, I didn't
like it because I hear it every day from my
social living teacher so I really can't stand to
even read it.

two weeks ago Mrs. Odabara, George Hakara
and Kenny went to Idaho and they seem
to like it pretty much. Especially George.
He says they're talking like being free again.
Masato was going but he had said no
that he wasn't loyal to the U.S. so he
couldn't go but he changed it to yes and
he hasn't received his permit as yet. The
poor guy really looked sad because he wanted
to go with George and Kenny. Kenny wrote
to mom and said that they live in an
old shack. Formerly owned by Mexicans.
She tells going to King so I'll show it.

P.S. Do you go dancing?
(Duke writes & tells his)
mom he goes dancing.

Bob Long
Your sis
Brenda