

Manzanar, Calif.
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Dear Joe,

How are you? The are all in good health.

I'm ashamed that I couldn't write more but its four weeks before final examinations come up and I want to be sure that I pass and have no failures so I won't have to go to summer school. I have been awfully busy because I'm making three notebooks all at once & besides that I have been having tests practically every other day. Gee I think school is so hard and I hope that they will sort of pull the grading down a little bit because here's how they grade. 100 is A 90 is B 80 is C and 70 is D & below F. Well back home 70 was C and that's what has been pulling me down so low. What do you think of this crazy grading system? That's why I don't get hardly any B's.

Thank you for all of the nice letters. Momma says its a good thing you got over that crazy flu. Last week and sometime, anyway lots of people had diarrhea from drinking mountain water. The chlorine had been put in a little too much because of the snow melting too fast and running very fast. (I didn't get it) They sure have been eating lots of starchy foods lately.

"potatoes rice macaroni bread?"

The way they serve food out here there are no calories. The best meats they serve out here are: hamburger, sausage, & that all. The rest are hard and filled with fat. Do you ever make cakes? pies? cookies? If you do tell me what it tastes like. They eat pies & that's all. The corny little cakes they make: yike!

Say the situation of relocating is a good idea and we are thinking of it. Taura is still going to school and it seems that he's going to be out in July and then will finish by going to summer school for six weeks. Today we received your post card & Japanese letter.

Mom says not to change schools because if you do it will upset you & all the studies. It's not the money that's bad so it's okay. Will you please stay & continue at the same school. It's very good that you'll be able to quit your studies for the summer. Mom says it's not the time that matters so this is what she really wants you to do. Stay at the same college, take all the time that's needed even though it will take 2 more years and go on as usual. How about it. Hub! Well that's enough of that stuff.

Do you remember that there was
a road that leaded to the outside
from Camouflage, well they have made
that place so that we will be able to
go all the time. It's have passes &
so every time we have to show them.
Last Sunday Amy & I were all ready
to go when I had ordered the benches
The cook didnt have them made so
we went & made them all by our
selves. First they give us all we
needed. Bread, mayonice, mustard,
lettuce, balogna, & pickles. Boy that
was the 1st time here in Manzanar
that I have ever tasted such a
delicious sandwich. That's what we
ate. 2 of balogna & 1 egg. Boy to
sure was good. It's drink the
Creek water & boy it was ice cold.
We couldn't get a cross the stream
so we had to take our shoes off
and wade through. Gee our feet
jell froze and boy ^{we} went as fast as
we could to get a cross. it sure felt good

to put our shoes & sacks on. After we finally came to our destination we were tired & so we spent the day with a rest. Boy I can tell you. We sure did walk a long ways. It may seem impossible but we were almost to the Alabama hills. For 3 days my back ached and I was tired & my feet were sore.

See I better close because its lunch time. Well its all be wasting paper so I'll try to continue after lunch. Getting too busy so I will close.

Always
Mack