

14-12-4
Manzanar, Calif.
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Dear Joe,

As I went to the block office this morning, I was wondering what had happened to you because you didn't write for 1 week. Especially after your letters came continuously every day or every other day. Well, after going to the post office place to get letters every day for 1 week, I really got sorta disgusted. So at least just write out a post card huh! I guess I'll have to excuse you because all of your reasons are on this letter of July 24th.

Your letter is practically on what you did on every hour so I guess there's nothing to answer.

Well, you finally did get the roses huh, well its about time you did. Every letter I wrote was ("did you get the roses?") well I don't have to ask anymore, I'm glad that it makes you feel better & reminds you of 14-12-4. Did you sorta share them to each room? Did you give any to the lady that has been so good towards you and the fellows.

After I saw the picture of the porch, it gave me ideas that Chicago is kinda of a crummy dump.

yaw, Joe, did you tell Kenji what I sorta thought up him? You, you, big ~~idea~~ ^{idea}. See you sorta of hurt the poor guys feelings. (Whats the big idea?) Tell him he had look and everything. His sister (the married 1) asked to see his picture so Mamma is going to take it to her. Mamma is in the same class as Kenji's sister. They say Kenji's a good look. Right?

We are all hoping to see you come through school. Say, it will be hard on you if you lose that job as I hope that never won't stop you.

Ha, ha, ha, fat women huh? well you must be some sick to see the beautiful figures of ^{the} Miss California and America contestants. Pretty soon the finals are coming up.

They all say Chicago is getting filled with too many books. Johnny Hashimoto is going up there this Monday. (Yuki Odakawa Boy friend)

They all say that some lady gets killed every time some one leaves the camp.

So the fraternities boys have girl friends huh. Well if they are nice it must be lots of fun. you better not have any

You said you had wozzy neck, we do too. Tawnee & I always talk in our sleep. One time Tawnee start talking and it wake me up as I guess every body does some thing in their sleep.

Yesterday I finally finished my sweater. I tore the thing out about 4 times around the neck and last night I finally finished & put it together. I tried it on and it seemed pretty small. But I don't care. just as long as I can finally finish it, it will be okay. Today I am starting the short sleeves and I'm trying to zip it and make it by the end of this month. Poor Tawnee, the better man sweater was practically finished when some run out of yarn. Half finished with the sleeve. Boy is Tawnee mad.

Has been waiting for a long time to get a hold of that kind of yarn.

Yesterday, or the day before I wrote a letter to you in Japanese and had it all sealed and ready to put the stamps on when I discovered it open. Mame had read it so it made me angry & I tore up every bit of it. So you probably won't ever get a letter in Japanese from me.

I got a letter from the Okinawa and they are all well. Enclosed was a picture of punky and boy he really is getting big! They have a swing and buggy. The swing was brought up when they went there and the buggy was brought up there. They go to town with the horse and buggy and it seems to be quite old fashioned. They go wild berry picking and swimming in the lake and go fishing and boat riding. Boy they really are lucky. I wouldn't mind going fishing or swimming or boat riding.

The other day I wrote to Teresa Thompson to send up our radio and so she will probably get the letter today. Every time she writes she never says anything so I don't write to her for anything. All we want is just the radio so I hope it will come very soon.

Are still haven't heard from the Boulton. They must be busy.

Because you write because I write soon
to tell you was killing, well, write soon

Tonight there's going to be a old show as usual. This picture is "Swine Family Haberman" which we saw back at home many years ago. I hope I'll enjoy it.

The other day I ate tofu (1-7) for the first time in Manzanar. It was given to me by Lawrence's employer. Boy the tofu was good. Everyday they serve it out for 5 blocks & it hasn't reached ours yet but I'm waiting. They haven't had shoyu for a long time because they are making it better in taste. I thought shoyu wasn't valuable but it really is.

Last night we had steak with gravy and it really did taste good. It was soft for the first time. Good as ever to me. (maybe)

Right now it is 12:30 and I just ate lunch. Here's what the lunch was. Rice, spinach, lima beans, tea, doughnuts, & jalls. Ain't too good but it's pretty good.

Mr. Nakamaki sent Mrs. Nakamaki (My nee's oldest sister) 20 lbs of sugar and some candy. She gave me some candy and it tasted good. It was caramel candy. The next day Odafora San gave me some gum that George and Mr. Odafora had sent. I still have some but by Monday I bet there won't be any left. Yum Yum. The camp is still the same but on Oct. 1 they might start dropting. They called George in & they said you had better not go out because we are going to start dropting. That may mean I have on the library for sure. Signing off now. Mubate