

Manzanar, Calif.
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Dear Joe & Louise,

Sorry I didn't get a letter mailed out to you last week but I'll make up for it right now.

Next week is Thanksgiving and I can hardly wait for it. The really are going to have turkey. Isn't that nice! Yes, with all of its trimmings. I guess you should have waited Louise, now you'll miss your turkey.

We will get vacation starting on the 24th till the next week. I'm so glad to get school off of my mind for a little while.

Thanks for the post card & letter, which we enjoyed.

Yes, you quit your job! How terrible. Did you get one yet? Hope you do.

Yes, Jack's brother came back but that doesn't mean a thing to me. I'd rather see you guys.

Joe, how about giving me some of your beautiful white sheep & let me give you some tan.

Louise, since Joe has changed a job you take care of him huh. Don't fight. I don't know if Manzanar will be evacuated but there are chances because if this camp is expensive we will have to evacuate. So Mr. Merritt is keeping all of the expenses as low as he can and making everything so that no expenses go high. The Tule Lake have to go yet so I still can't say if evacuation is coming or yet.

The other day papa brought home 2 honey dews that were about $\frac{1}{2}$ the size of the ones you used to bring home and really it tasted delicious.

Hungry for a honey dew?

Wah, we don't need any stuff so
it's okay. Don't spend too much huh!

Joe, you sure are taking a lot of
courses this year huh. Take it easy.
It's too bad you might have to quit
your job but I guess you'll have
to take it more easy for studies.

Yeh, snow huh. Snowed on the
mountains all week & everyone was
just freezing especially me. Yesterday
we had a slight drizzle after lunch.

Pictures, yehoo, I can hardly wait.
I sure would like to see you guys
together. Did you buy a camera?

School is a bore to me as I
go daily. I am hoping that I can
finish soon or relocate soon.

Mrs. Takemura wrote to mom and
pop & said you went over her place
& had ebi no tempura with grass
meshi. (IT" / 7:30 & 7:30)
"Was it good? She also asked
us to go out there & said Herby
was having a wonderful time as the
Class president.

At school my gym class is in the
lead for the valley ball team
& if we beat a picture of the
team will be put in the annual!
which is being made. Swell huh!

Also a assembly was held &
a soldier came & talked about
his trip to Attu & Kiska but
couldn't talk about the war
part which has a lot of good
information. This soldier

This soldier was the brother
of Henry Isurutani who is
Jimmy Isurutani. I'll tell
you some of the things which
he said.

It was 24 hrs before I was leaving
for my destination which I did not
know. I kissed my wife goodbye
& left. They took us on a liberator
& gave us all different warm articles
that were needed. We got to our
destination which was Attu & it was
very cold with the wind blowing 480
miles an hour. Our food which was
not good consisted of powdered milk
powdered potatoes & other powdered
articles. The food wasn't good at all
& everybody wanted fresh food. On
our boat there was a sudden rock
as if the ship had been torpedoed
but just hitting a big wave a sea
of corn beef hit my head & I got
a big scar on my head & I was
the first casualty to get injured.
Our ship had come to its end &
everybody got off. Many of us got
chill blurs because we had been
trained in a ~~tropical~~ desert & it
was too sudden to go out into the
cold area. If we didn't wear certain
kinds of shoes, our feet would
freeze & everytime you tried to
take off your stockings, all of the
skin would be frozen to the socks
& your skin would come off with
your socks. I didn't get a chance to
flirt with any eskimo girls because
if you keep on going around with
a certain eskimo girl you must
marry her. It's the tribal custom.
Eskimo's look very much like russie's
& often you think they are russies.
One day I was looking at an eskimo
& thinking gee he sure looks like a
russie but I bet he was thinking gee
he sure looks like an eskimo.

The Japanese had abandoned a lot of
rice, fish, Japanese pickles.

(コト, 子ウシ, 子ウシ.)

We ate that stuff & it was really
better than that powdered food.
The capt. didn't like it & every
time he would say, that stuff again.

By the time we were ready to go
home the capt. said gee that
rice is pretty good. They said
the Japanese had left some of
their wounded (9) and they
were left because of the hurry
of evacuation of the Japanese soldiers.

One day they told us they think
were going home & so get ready
& pack but the next day they said
rape up un-pack & then the next
day they said pack & it was 2
weeks continuous like that & finally
when they said you're going for
sure I jumped with joy.

Still, that's his story said
briefly by me. Interesting huh.

It reminds me this morning when
I was at the black office I heard
a big airplane so I rushed out to
see it & up in the air was a
huge liberator which landed
in that airport across the highway.
See it sure is a giant thing.

Last night I went to the show
and saw the picture "The Magnificent
Dope" with Henry Fonda, Don Ameche
and Lynn Bari. Cordy picture.

The last two pictures were better
but there was a lot of pro-
paganda in in. But it really
interested me more than any
thing else. Have you been
to any of the shows lately?

Tawre, mama got 1 skein of
yarn from Mrs. Higo & she
has already put your stripe
on & its sure getting pretty.
It wont be long before she gets
it done. She only has 7 more
inches to go. Happy day huh!
Joe, mom is planning to make
you one too. Swell huh.
Mama is writing a letter to
you so I guess this is all.

Just
Mamako

P.S. Don't forget to answer all my
questions. If I get any more
ideas I'll add a little more
to this letter.

Aiji would like to hear from
you Tawre.

We sent you a clothing bag
for you to stick in mama's
picture. but if you really
want it badly I'll tell you.